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THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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1 **[REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

2 **ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2015 ON PAGE 262]**

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6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING EVERYONE. THE LOS
7 ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DECEMBER 15, 2015 MEETING
8 WILL COME TO ORDER. THE INVOCATION THIS MORNING WILL BE LED BY
9 REVEREND STEPHANIE JAEGER FROM ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
10 IN NORTH HOLLYWOOD AND THE PLEDGE WILL BE LED BY MURRELL D.
11 GARR, FORMER PETTY OFFICER, SECOND CLASS, UNITED STATES NAVY
12 FROM HAWTHORNE.

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14 **REV. STEPHANIE JAEGER:** GOOD MORNING, AS SAID, MY NAME IS
15 STEPHANIE JAEGER. I AM PASTOR AT ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
16 ON THE EDGE OF THE ARTS DISTRICT IN NORTH HOLLYWOOD. I'M ALSO
17 BOARD CHAIR OF NEW CITY PARISH WHICH IS A CONSORTIUM OF
18 CHURCHES IN L.A. AND INGLEWOOD IN COMPTON. IT IS A GREAT HONOR
19 TO BE HERE THIS MORNING. THE QUESTIONS THAT OCCUPY MY SPIRIT
20 THIS MORNING ARE THESE: THIS SEASON, WHICH FOR MANY PEOPLE IS
21 A HOLY ONE, IS THIS MORNING FRAUGHT WITH FEAR AND ANXIETY.
22 FEAR OF UNEXPECTED VIOLENCE AND THREAT OF ATTACK. FEAR OF
23 CULTURES AND RELIGIONS THAT MAY BE DIFFERENT THAN ONE'S OWN.
24 ANXIETY OVER BEING ABLE TO AFFORD THE COST OF LIVING IN
25 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. ANXIETY OVER THE PRESENT AND FUTURE OF

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1 THE CHILDREN OF OUR COUNTY, ESPECIALLY THIS MORNING. IN THIS
2 CONTEXT, THIS FEAR AND ANXIETY, I ASK MYSELF, HOW DO YOU, THE
3 LEADERS OF OUR COUNTY, CONTINUE TO IMPROVE THE PRESENT AND
4 BUILD THE FUTURE FOR THE PEOPLE, FOR ALL THE PEOPLE THAT LIVE
5 IN L.A., L.A. COUNTY. FROM WHERE DO YOU DRAW YOUR RESOLVE AND
6 ENERGY? FROM WHAT SOURCE DO YOU CONTINUE TO IMAGINE A BETTER
7 FUTURE? WHERE DO YOU GET THE ENDURANCE AND THE EXPRESSIVENESS
8 TO ARTICULATE THAT FUTURE TO THE PEOPLE OF L.A. COUNTY WHO
9 LONG TO HEAR OF IT AND EXPERIENCE IT? THE WORD PARANOIA IN THE
10 ORIGINAL GREEK LITERALLY MEANS TO HAVE A DISTRACTED MIND. THE
11 OPPOSITE OF PARANOIA, THEN, IS AN UNDISTRACTED MIND, OR A
12 SINGLE-MINDED FOCUS ON THE GOOD. MY PRAYER THIS MORNING IS
13 THIS: THAT THE GOD OF ALL FREES YOU FROM THE DISTRACTIONS OF
14 THREATS AND FEAR AND ANXIETY AND CONTINUES TO POUR UPON ALL OF
15 YOU WISDOM, STRENGTH AND ENDURANCE SO THAT YOU MAY CONTINUE TO
16 FORGE BELOVED COMMUNITY IN OUR COUNTY, BEAUTIFUL IF ITS
17 DIVERSITY, EXTRAORDINARY IN ITS CREATIVITY AND GIFTEDNESS. I
18 PRAY THAT THE GOD OF ALL POURS OUT UPON YOU SINGLEMINDEDNESS
19 OF VISION FOR A BETTER FUTURE WHERE FEAR IS REPLACED WITH
20 COMPASSION, ANXIETY REPLACED WITH UNDERSTANDING, POVERTY
21 REPLACED WITH PROSPERITY, DOUBT WITH CONVICTION, HOPELESSNESS
22 WITH HOPE. I PRAY ESPECIALLY THIS COOL MORNING FOR THE
23 HOMELESS THAT MY FAITH COMMUNITY WORKS WITH IN NORTH
24 HOLLYWOOD, THAT THE DAY MAY COME THAT THROUGHOUT OUR COUNTY,
25 HOMELESS PERSONS MAY FIND ADEQUATE PLACE, PURPOSE AND MENTAL

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1 HEALTHCARE. I PRAY ESPECIALLY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON FOR THE
2 FAMILIES IN COMMUNITIES IMPACTED BY THE MASS INCARCERATION OF
3 BLACK AND BROWN MEN IN OUR COUNTY. MAY THEY HOLD ONTO THE HOPE
4 OF TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE AHEAD. MOSTLY I PRAY THIS
5 MORNING IN THANKSGIVING FOR THESE MEN AND WOMEN STANDING HERE
6 THAT DO THE BEAUTIFUL BUT OH SO DIFFICULT WORK OF DEMOCRACY IN
7 OUR COUNTY. BLESS THEM. BLESS ALL THEIR WORK. BLESS THEM IN
8 THEIR TIME OF REST. BLESS THEM AND ALL THE PEOPLE OF L.A.
9 COUNTY AS WE BUILD A COMMUNITY FINE ENOUGH FOR ANGELS, GIFTED
10 TO MORTALS. MAY WE GO FORTH THIS MORNING IN PEACE. AMEN.

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12 **MURRELL D. GARR, JR.:** PLEASE REMAIN STANDING. FACE THE FLAG.
13 PLACE YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEART. VETERANS, YOU MAY
14 RENDER A HAND SALUTE AND JOIN ME IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.
15 [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

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17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

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19 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** WELL, THAT WAS AN INVOCATION. WHEW. THE
20 REVEREND STEPHANIE JAEGER PH.D. IS THE INTERIM PASTOR AT ST.
21 MATTHEWS LUTHERAN CHURCH IN NORTH HOLLYWOOD. SHE RECEIVED HER
22 MASTER'S DEGREE IN DIVINITY FROM THE LUTHERAN SCHOOL OF
23 THEOLOGY IN CHICAGO IN MAY OF 2007, WAS ORDAINED IN AUGUST OF
24 THAT YEAR AND BECAME PASTOR OF MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH IN
25 SANTA MONICA. REVEREND JAEGER IS MARRIED WITH TWO CHILDREN.

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1 SHE ENJOYS COOKING, RESTORING HISTORICAL HOUSES. I COULD SEE
2 YOU WITH A HAMMER AND NAILS. TRAVELING WHEN SHE CAN. AND, MOST
3 OF ALL, DANCING AROUND THE HOUSE WITH HER DAUGHTERS HANNAH AND
4 ZOE. PLEASE HELP ME TO THANK AND HONOR THE REVEREND STEPHANIE
5 JAEGER. [APPLAUSE.]

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAME CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, WE
8 ARE PLEASED TO HAVE WITH US MURRELL D. GARR, WHO SERVED AS A
9 PETTY OFFICER SECOND CLASS WITH THE UNITED STATES NAVY FROM
10 1985 TO 1994. HE WAS LAST ASSIGNED TO THE MAG 11 FLEET MARINE
11 FORCE IN DESERT SHIELD/DESERT STORM. MR. GARR IS A RECIPIENT
12 OF SEVERAL MEDALS INCLUDING THE NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE
13 MEDAL. HE EARNED HIS DEGREE IN BUSINESS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF
14 CALIFORNIA IRVINE. HE HAS ONE DAUGHTER, JASMINE, AND HAS LIVED
15 IN THE SECOND DISTRICT FOR SOME THREE YEARS. WE WISH TO SAY
16 THANK YOU, MR. GARR, FOR LEADING US IN TODAY'S PLEDGE AND FOR
17 YOUR SERVICE TO OUR NATION. THANK YOU, MR. GARR. GIVE HIM A
18 ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.]

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20 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** GOOD MORNING,
21 MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA, WE WILL
22 BEGIN ON PAGE 3, REPORTS. ON ITEM R-1, WE WILL HOLD THIS ITEM
23 FOR A REPORT ALONG WITH RELATED ITEM NO. 8. ON ITEM R-2, THE
24 DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO
25 FEBRUARY 2, 2016. ON PAGE 4, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE

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1 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ON ITEM NO. 1-D, THIS
2 INCLUDES THE REVISION AS NOTED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA.
3 THIS ITEM RELATES TO ITEM NO. 6. AND ON THIS ITEM, SUPERVISORS
4 SOLIS AND RIDLEY-THOMAS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT
5 THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 2-D, MEMBER OR MEMBERS OF THE
6 PUBLIC REQUEST THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 6, AGENDA FOR THE
7 MEETING OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY, ON ITEM 1-H, A MEMBER OF THE
8 PUBLIC REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 7, AGENDA FOR THE
9 MEETING OF THE REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT, ITEM 1-P
10 IS BEFORE YOU.

11

12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KUEHL. SECONDED. SO ORDERED.

13

14 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** ON ITEM 2-P, THE
15 DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE
16 REFERRED BACK.

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18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION.

19

20 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 8, BOARD OF
21 SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 4, ON ITEM NO. 4, A MEMBER OF THE
22 PUBLIC REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE HELD. ITEM NUMBER 1, I'M SORRY, A
23 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO.
24 4, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND MEMBERS
25 OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 5, THIS

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1 INCLUDES SUPERVISOR KNABE'S AMENDMENT AS POSTED ON THE
2 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, AND THIS ITEM REFERS TO 60-F. AND ON THIS
3 ITEM, SUPERVISORS RIDLEY-THOMAS, ANTONOVICH AND MEMBERS OF THE
4 PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 6 THIS,
5 THIS INCLUDES THE REVISION NOTED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA
6 AND THIS ITEM RELATES TO ITEM 1-D, AND ON THIS ITEM SUPERVISOR
7 SOLIS, RIDLEY-THOMAS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THESE
8 ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 7, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS
9 THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 8, THIS ITEM WILL BE TAKEN UP
10 WITH ITEM R-1. ON ITEM NO. 14, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS
11 THIS ITEM BE HELD. THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE BOARD OF
12 SUPERVISORS ARE BEFORE YOU.

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14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MOVED BY MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS.
15 SECONDED. SUCH IS THE ORDER.

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17 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** PAGE 16, CONSENT
18 CALENDAR, ITEMS 15 THROUGH 57. ON ITEM NO. 18, THIS INCLUDES
19 THE CORRECTION NOTED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM NO.
20 20, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM
21 NUMBER 21, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE HELD.
22 ON ITEM NO. 25, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH REQUESTS THIS
23 ITEM BE CONTINUED TO JANUARY 5, 2015. 2016, I APOLOGIZE. ON
24 ITEM 27, 29, 31, 33 AND 38, A MEMBER OR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
25 REQUEST THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEMS 39 AND 44, A MEMBER OR

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1 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM NO.
2 45, THIS INCLUDES SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS'S AMENDMENT AS
3 NOTED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 56, A MEMBER OF THE
4 PUBLIC REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE HELD. THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER
5 THE CONSENT CALENDAR ARE BEFORE YOU.

6

7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE. SECONDED. SUCH WILL
8 BE THE ORDER.

9

10 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** PAGE 36, ORDINANCES
11 FOR INTRODUCTION, ITEMS 58 THROUGH 59. ON ITEM 58, THIS AN
12 ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION AMENDING COUNTY CODE, TITLE 7,
13 BUSINESS LICENSES TO CONFORM TO REVISIONS OF SECTIONS OF THE
14 CALIFORNIA BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE AND GOVERNMENT CODE
15 BY ADDING THE CALIFORNIA MASSAGE THERAPY COUNCIL TO THIS LIST
16 OF DEFINITIONS. AND ON THIS ITEM, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC
17 REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE HELD. ITEM 59, THIS IS AN ORDINANCE FOR
18 INTRODUCTION AMENDING COUNTY CODE TITLE 11 HEALTH AND SAFETY,
19 TO REVISE THE SANTA CLARA RIVER FLOODWAY AND CERTAIN RELATED
20 FLOODWAY MAPS AND WATER SURFACE ELEVATIONS TO REFLECT NEW
21 ENGINEERING ANALYSIS OF THE FLOODWAY AREA THAT INCORPORATES
22 UPDATED TOPOGRAPHIC AND HYDROLOGIC INFORMATION AND ON THIS
23 ITEM A MEMBER OR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THIS ITEM BE
24 HELD. ON PAGE 37, MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH
25 WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AS

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1 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM NO. 68,
2 SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THIS ITEM
3 BE HELD. ON ITEM 60-B, SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND MEMBERS OF THE
4 PUBLIC REQUEST THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ITEM 60-C IS BEFORE YOU.

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6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.
7 SECONDED. SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER.

8

9 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** ITEM 60-D IS BEFORE
10 YOU.

11

12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. SECONDED.
13 SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER.

14

15 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** ON ITEM 60-E,
16 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST
17 THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 60-F, THIS ITEM RELATES TO AGENDA
18 ITEM 5, AND THIS WILL BE HELD-- ACTUALLY THIS ITEM WILL BE
19 HELD BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, ANTONOVICH AND MEMBERS OF
20 THE PUBLIC. ON PAGE 40, NOTICES OF CLOSED SESSION, ON ITEM
21 C.S.-4, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE HELD.
22 THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
23 SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 1.

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, YOU'RE
2 RECOGNIZED,

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4 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** TODAY, WE HAVE PRESENTATIONS FOR
5 YOUNG PEOPLE WHO HAVE DONE EXTREMELY WELL WITH THEIR ACADEMICS
6 AND WE JUST WANT TO CONGRATULATE THEM AND RECOGNIZE THEM.
7 CURRENTLY WE HAVE FROM OUR DEPARTMENT, WE ARE GOING TO BE
8 PRESENTING THEM WITH A DONATION CARD FROM BARNES & NOBLE. AND
9 THAT IS A \$50 GIFT CERTIFICATE. AND WE WANT TO THANK THEM,
10 D.C.F.S., AND THEIR SOCIAL WORKERS FOR THAT WORK. FIRST I WANT
11 TO RECOGNIZE JASON ROSALES, STUDENT AT JOHN MUIR HIGH SCHOOL
12 FOR RECEIVING THE MOST IMPROVED ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD.
13 JASON WAS STRUGGLING WITH POOR GRADES AND EXCESSIVE ABSENCES
14 AND THEN MISSING THAT HOMEWORK DURING THE 2014-'15 SCHOOL
15 YEAR. SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THIS YEAR, HE'S CHANGED 180
16 DEGREES AND HE'S BEEN PLACED INTO HIS CURRENT HOME AND JASON'S
17 ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE HAS COMPLETELY CHANGED. HE NOW HAS ALL
18 B'S IN ALL CLASSES AND HAS CONSISTENT ATTENDANCE AND ON TRACK
19 TO GRADUATE. SO, JASON, WE WANT TO GIVE THIS PROCLAMATION AND
20 WISH YOU CONTINUED SUCCESS AS YOU PROCEED ON TO COLLEGE AFTER
21 GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL. [APPLAUSE.]

22

23 **PHILIP BROWNING:** I'D LIKE TO RECOGNIZE ONE OF THE MOST
24 IMPORTANT PEOPLE IN THIS ROOM. IF CHARLES SOLOMON COULD HOLD
25 UP HIS HAND, HE'S GOING TO BE ADOPTING THIS INDIVIDUAL RIGHT

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1 HERE. SO THIS IS REALLY A SPECIAL DAY. AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE
2 HUNDREDS OF CHILDREN IN L.A. COUNTY IN THE PROCESS OF BEING
3 ADOPTED, BUT SO SELDOM DO WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY LIKE THIS TO
4 RECOGNIZE AN INDIVIDUAL, THE YOUTH FOR SUCH GREAT WORK BUT
5 ALSO A POTENTIAL ADOPTIVE FATHER. AND WE HOPE THAT THIS WILL
6 BE LEGALIZED IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE. SO JUST THANK BOTH OF
7 YOU AND THE SUPERVISORS AND THIS ENTIRE BOARD FOR ALLOWING
8 THIS PRESENTATION TO GO FORWARD. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

9 [APPLAUSE.]

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11 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I'M ALSO VERY HAPPY TO SAY THAT THE THREE
12 REMAINING STUDENTS ARE STUDENTS FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT. SO I
13 HAVE THE HONOR TO HONOR EACH ONE OF THEM AND PRESENT A SCROLL
14 TO EACH ONE OF THEM. I'LL ASK TO HOLD THIS WHILE I-- THERE'S
15 NO BETTER TEACHER, THEY SAY, THAN ADVERSITY. BUT THE SCHOOL OF
16 TOUGH LOVE CAN BE JUST THAT, PRETTY TOUGH. NOT EVERY YOUNG
17 PERSON WHO CAN TURN ADVERSITY INTO A FORCE THAT STRENGTHENS
18 AND CLARIFIES THEIR WILL AND THEIR SKILL. I'M REALLY PROUD TO
19 BE PRESENTING ENRICHMENT PLUS AWARDS TO THREE YOUNG PEOPLE
20 FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT WHO'VE DRAMATICALLY IMPROVED THEIR
21 SCHOOL PERFORMANCE. BOURAY SIMONE [PH?] BONHAM DAWSON, 16
22 YEARS OLD, STUDENT AT CANOGA PARK HIGH SCHOOL. SHE TAKES
23 SEVERAL BUSES EVERY MORNING TO GET TO SCHOOL. AND ONCE THERE,
24 SHE'S NO SLOUCH. HER MOST RECENT PROGRESS REPORT REFLECTED HER
25 ACADEMIC EFFORTS: 5 A'S, 1 B. [APPLAUSE.] BOURAY IS ALSO ON

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1 THE CHEERLEADING TEAM AND ATTENDS EVERY ATHLETIC EVENT. WITH
2 HER GRADES, WITH HER SPIRIT, I'M OPTIMISTIC THAT SHE WILL
3 ACHIEVE HER GOAL OF ATTENDING U.C.L.A., MY ALMA MATER, AND ONE
4 DAY BECOMING AN ATTORNEY, ALTHOUGH I DON'T KNOW IF THAT'S
5 WHAT'S DESIRED, BUT I HOPE SO. SO CONGRATULATIONS TO BOURAY
6 PLEASE. [APPLAUSE.] MARIA DE JESUS SANCHEZ IS 17 AND A STUDENT
7 AT JOHN F. KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL. SHE'S ON TRACK TO GRADUATE IN
8 MAY OF THIS COMING YEAR. SHE'S SET VERY HIGH STANDARDS FOR
9 HERSELF. SHE'S TAKING THREE ADVANCED PLACEMENT CLASSES AND IS
10 NAILING THEM WITH A 3.4 G.P.A. SHE'S ALSO INVOLVED IN THE LOVE
11 CLUB AND THE THEATER GROUP. LIKE ME, MARIA MAY CHOOSE A CAREER
12 IN ACTING. MAYBE AN ATTORNEY, AN ACTRESS, I LOVE THIS, OR A
13 CAREER IN POLITICAL SCIENCE, WHO KNOWS? MAYBE BOTH.
14 CONGRATULATIONS. PLEASE HONOR MARIA. [APPLAUSE.] YOU'RE HERE?
15 GREAT. IT SAID SOMEONE WOULD ACCEPT THE AWARD FOR YOU, BUT I'M
16 REALLY HAPPY YOU'RE HERE. FRANKLIN AVILA, 17 YEARS OLD, SENIOR
17 AT PANORAMA CITY HIGH SCHOOL WHO WAS SUPPOSED TO BE BUSY
18 TAKING A FINAL TODAY. I HOPE THEY ALLOWED HIM TO TAKE IT SOME
19 OTHER TIME. HE'S ON THE VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM, SO OF COURSE HE
20 HAS TO KEEP HIS GRADES UP. PLANS TO STUDY SPORTS MEDICINE AT
21 COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS AND HOPES ALSO TO CONTINUE TO PLAY
22 FOOTBALL THERE. CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE THREE WONDERFUL
23 STUDENTS FOR THEIR ACADEMIC AND OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS.
24 [APPLAUSE.]
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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

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3 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. WE HAVE A VERY GOOD FRIEND
4 HERE, GOOD LEADER IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CYNTHIA KURTZ,
5 AND SHE'S BEING RECOGNIZED-- SHE'S THE PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. OF
6 THE SAN GABRIEL ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP-- FOR HER SERVICE. THIS
7 IS A PARTNERSHIP WHICH IS A NONPROFIT CORPORATION COMMITTED
8 FOR A SUCCESSFUL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THROUGHOUT THE SAN
9 GABRIEL VALLEY, THE BIRTHPLACE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THE SAN
10 GABRIEL VALLEY ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP SUPPORTS THE RETENTION OF
11 BUSINESSES, ATTRACTS BUSINESSES AND INDUSTRIES TO THE REGION
12 FOR JOBS, FACILITATES COOPERATION AMONG LEADERS WHO ARE
13 WORKING TOWARDS SOLUTIONS FOR THE REGION'S BENEFITS. PRIOR TO
14 JOINING THE SAN GABRIEL ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP, CYNTHIA WAS THE
15 CITY MANAGER FOR THE CITY OF PASADENA AND SERVED AS THE
16 INTERIM CITY MANAGER FOR THE CITY OF COVINA. AND THERE'S MORE.
17 SHE HOLDS HER BACHELOR'S OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN COMMUNITY
18 DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING FROM PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY
19 WITH A MASTER'S IN TRANSPORTATION AND URBAN PLANNING FROM THE
20 UNIVERSITY OF IOWA, WHO WILL BE VISITING THE CITY OF PASADENA
21 IN A COUPLE WEEKS WHEN THEY PLAY ANOTHER TEAM WHO BEAT A TEAM
22 LOCALLY TO PLAY IN THAT ROSE BOWL, STANFORD UNIVERSITY. SO
23 CYNTHIA CURRENTLY SERVES ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE
24 METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND THE

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1 ADVISORY BOARD FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF LAVERNE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC
2 ADMINISTRATION. SO, CYNTHIA, CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.]

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4 **CYNTHIA J. KURTZ:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THIS IS QUITE AN HONOR.
5 I WAS REALLY TAKEN BACK WHEN I WAS INVITED TO COME HERE. WE
6 HAVE WORKED REALLY WELL WITH THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND BEEN
7 ABLE TO SERVE HUNDREDS OF BUSINESSES AND OTHERWISE WOULDN'T
8 HAVE GOTTEN ANY ASSISTANCE BECAUSE OF THE SUPPORT OF THE BOARD
9 OF SUPERVISORS. I'M MOVING NOW ON TO THE L.A. RIVER
10 REVITALIZATION CORPORATION AND LET ME SAY THAT EVERYTHING I
11 HAVE HEARD AS I'VE SAT IN THE TECHNICAL MEETINGS HAS BEEN WHAT
12 A GREAT PARTNER THE COUNTY HAS BEEN. WE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO DO
13 THE STUDIES THAT ARE UNDERWAY WITHOUT YOUR HELP. SO THANK YOU
14 AGAIN. I REALLY APPRECIATE BEING INVITED.

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16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** CYNTHIA, I JUST WANT TO ALSO
17 RECOGNIZE YOU AND THANK SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH FOR NOTING YOUR
18 GOOD WORK AND LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU ON THE L.A.
19 RIVER REVITALIZATION PROJECT. THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HELP,
20 ESPECIALLY TO SMALL BUSINESSES. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I ALMOST FORGOT RUDY. RUDY IS 20 WEEKS OLD.
23 THIS IS LITTLE RUDY LOOKING FOR A HOME. PUT YOUR GOOD SIDE FOR
24 THE CAMERA. ANYWAY, RUDY IS FROM THE DOWNEY ANIMAL CARE
25 SHELTER, AND YOU CAN CALL 562-256-1649. 562-256-1649. LITTLE

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1 RUDY, WE JUST CONCLUDED HANUKKAH BUT YOU COULD HAVE A LATE
2 HANUKKAH GIFT OR A CHRISTMAS GIFT OR A NEW YEAR'S EVE GIFT.
3 AND YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION WILL BE TO HAVE A BEAUTIFUL
4 LITTLE DOGGY IN THEIR HOME TO WAKE YOU UP EVERY MORNING AND
5 KISS YOU GOOD NIGHT IN THE EVENING. HOW'S THAT, MARK?
6 [LAUGHTER.] ANYWAY. LITTLE RUDY LOOKING FOR A HOME. AND WE
7 HAVE A LOT OF NICE PETS AND ANIMALS. AND WE HAD A FEW MONTHS
8 AGO EVEN ADOPTED A HORSE FROM HERE. AND WE'RE GOING TO DO THAT
9 AGAIN IN 2016, HAVE ANOTHER HORSE FOR ADOPTION. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

12

13 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** MEMBERS OF THE
14 PUBLIC, IT IS YOUR RIGHT AND THE BOARD'S INTENT TO ENCOURAGE
15 THE PUBLIC'S PARTICIPATION IN TODAY'S BOARD HEARING. THE RIGHT
16 OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD MUST BE BALANCED WITH THE
17 NEED TO ENSURE THAT PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT INTERFERE WITH THE
18 ORDERLY COURSE OF THE BOARD'S BUSINESS, ON BEHALF OF THE
19 PUBLIC OR THE ABILITY OF OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO
20 ADDRESS THE BOARD. THE FOLLOWING IS A CODE OF CONDUCT
21 OPERATIVE DURING TODAY'S BOARD HEARING, AND ALL ARE REMINDED
22 TO ABIDE BY THE FOLLOWING RULES: SPEAKERS MUST CEASE
23 IMMEDIATELY WHEN THEIR TIME HAS ENDED. PUBLIC COMMENT ON
24 AGENDA ITEMS MUST RELATE TO THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THE ITEM.
25 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT IS LIMITED TO SUBJECTS WITHIN THE

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1 JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD. PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE
2 RIGHT TO ENGAGE IN A DIALOGUE WITH BOARD MEMBERS OR STAFF.
3 PLEASE REMAIN RESPECTFUL OF THE FORUM AND REFRAIN FROM
4 UTTERING, WRITING OR DISPLAYING PROFANE, PERSONAL,
5 THREATENING, DEROGATORY, DEMEANING OR OTHER ABUSIVE STATEMENTS
6 TOWARD THE BOARD, ANY MEMBER THEREOF STAFF OR OTHER PERSONS.
7 MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE SHOULD BE RESPECTFUL OF THE VIEWS
8 EXPRESSED BY SPEAKERS, STAFF AND BOARD MEMBERS AND MAY NOT
9 CLAP, CHEER, WHISTLE OR OTHERWISE DISRUPT THE ORDERLY CONDUCT
10 OF THE MEETING. A PERSON ENGAGING IN CONDUCT THAT DISRUPTS THE
11 MEETING IS SUBJECT TO BEING REMOVED FROM THE BOARD MEETING. IF
12 YOU WITNESS CONDUCT OR BEHAVIOR FROM OTHER MEMBERS OF THE
13 PUBLIC THAT MISREPRESENTS YOUR ABILITY TO REMAIN ENGAGED, OR
14 PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING, PLEASE NOTIFY THE SERGEANT AT ARMS
15 OR OTHER COUNTY STAFF. THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MEMBERS, I'D LIKE TO BRING UP ITEM
18 60-B AT THIS TIME. AND, COLLEAGUES, I'D ASK THAT YOU CONSIDER
19 THE ITEM BEFORE US. AND I'D LIKE TO TAKE A FEW MINUTES JUST TO
20 GO OVER IT. ALSO WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR CO-
21 SPONSORING THIS RESOLUTION. THIS BOARD, AS YOU KNOW, HAS
22 ALREADY EXPRESSED ITS DEEP SADNESS AT THE LOSS OF LIFE THAT
23 OCCURRED IN SAN BERNARDINO EARLIER THIS MONTH. WHILE THE NEW
24 CYCLES WILL SOON MOVE ON, THE FAMILIES OF THE DEAD WILL GRIEVE
25 AND THEY WILL GRIEVE FOR A LONG TIME. THIS MOTION IS MORE THAN

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1 JUST ABOUT GRIEF; IT'S ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY'S COLLECTIVE GRIEF.
2 THE MOTION IS ABOUT PREVENTING THE NEED FOR MORE GRIEF IN THE
3 FUTURE. WE HAVE SEEN TIME AND TIME AGAIN HOW SUSCEPTIBLE HUMAN
4 BEINGS ARE TO RESPONDING TO TRAGEDY BY SCAPEGOATING CERTAIN
5 GROUPS. THIS TRAGEDY FILLS US WITH ANGER, AND WE KNOW IT'S
6 UNDERSTANDABLE. BUT WE CAN'T ALLOW THIS ANGER TO TURN INTO
7 HATE OR BIGOTRY AGAINST GROUPS THAT HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH
8 THIS. THIS MOTION IS PRIMARILY SYMBOLIC. BUT PLEASE DO NOT
9 MISUNDERSTAND THAT TO MEAN THAT THIS IS NOT UNIMPORTANT. AS
10 PUBLIC LEADERS, WE CAN USE OUR POSITION TO INFLAME BIGOTRY OR
11 TO COUNSEL REASON, GOOD JUDGMENT AND PEACEFULNESS. WE CAN
12 REMIND OUR CONSTITUENTS ABOUT OUR HISTORY AND THE REMORSE WITH
13 WHICH WE HAVE LOOKED BACK ON. WE SHOULD NOT BLAME THE ISLAMIC
14 RELIGION OR AMERICAN MUSLIM COMMUNITY MEMBERS FOR THE EVENTS
15 THAT TOOK PLACE IN SAN BERNARDINO. AMERICAN MUSLIMS ARE A
16 FUNDAMENTAL PART OF OUR LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY. THEY'RE OUR
17 FRIENDS, OUR NEIGHBORS. THEY'RE POLICE OFFICERS. THEY'RE OUR
18 DOCTORS. THEY'RE OUR SCIENTISTS. THEY'RE EVEN OUR EMPLOYEES.
19 THEY WORK, THEY WORSHIP AND LIVE AMONG US IN OUR
20 NEIGHBORHOODS. TO GIVE IN TO FEAR IS SELF-DEFEATING. LOS
21 ANGELES IS ONE OF THE MOST DIVERSE REGIONS IN THE WORLD. THIS
22 DIVERSITY ENRICHES OUR LIVES FOR ALL OF US. AND TODAY I ASK MY
23 COLLEAGUES TO JOIN ME IN AFFIRMING THAT WE JUDGE ONE ANOTHER
24 BY THE CONTENT OF OUR CHARACTER RATHER THAN BY THE NAME OF THE

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1 GOD THAT WE WORSHIP. I WANT TO RECOGNIZE ANY MEMBERS OF THE
2 BOARD, SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

3

4 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. JUST VERY BRIEFLY
5 TO ADD. I THINK EVERYONE IS TALKING THIS MORNING ABOUT YET
6 ANOTHER THREAT, THIS TIME TO OUR SCHOOL DISTRICT, L.A.
7 UNIFIED. ALL THE SCHOOLS CLOSED. DISRUPTION IN SO MANY
8 PARENTS' LIVES AND THE CHILDREN FRIGHTENED. AND THIS
9 RESOLUTION IS EVEN MORE IMPORTANT AS WE TRY TO PULL TOGETHER
10 AS COMMUNITIES AND COPE IN A TIME OF FEAR. I THINK WHAT THIS
11 RESOLUTION CALLS UPON ALL OF US TO DO IS TO RESOLVE NOT TO ADD
12 TO THAT FEAR, NOT TO ADD TO THAT IGNORANCE, NOT TO ADD TO THAT
13 HATRED THAT ALREADY SEEMS TO BE CORRUPTING OUR SOCIETY. AND I
14 THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR BRINGING THIS. I'M VERY PROUD TO CO-
15 SPONSOR IT WITH YOU AND PROUD OF THIS BOARD FOR THE STANCE
16 THAT IT TAKES.

17

18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES. I
21 THINK IT IS SUFFICIENT FOR US JUST TO BE MINDFUL OF THIS
22 MORNING'S INVOCATION, WHICH IS AN APPROPRIATE ENVELOPE FOR THE
23 ITEM THAT IS BEFORE US. WE OUGHT TO BE EVER MINDFUL OF
24 APPEALING TO OUR BETTER ANGELS. IF WE WERE SIMPLY TO DO THAT,
25 I THINK WE'D FIND OUR REGION, YEA EVEN THE WORLD, A BETTER

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1 PLACE. SO LET ME ACKNOWLEDGE THE LEADERSHIP OF CHAIRPERSON AND
2 CO-AUTHOR FOR BRINGING THIS TO OUR ATTENTION. THE MORNING'S
3 INVOCATION GAVE US A FITTING WAY TO GOVERN OURSELVES AND
4 SUPPORT THIS MOTION.

5

6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I HAVE A MINOR AMENDMENT
7 THAT WAS BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.
8 AND THAT WOULD INCLUDE THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION IN
9 DIRECTIVE 3 SO THAT THE C.E.O. AND THE COMMISSION UNDERTAKE
10 THESE TASKS IN PARTNERSHIP. SO IF THERE IS NO OBJECTION.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AS AMENDED.

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** AS AMENDED, SO ORDERED. NEXT,
15 MEMBERS, I'D LIKE TO CALL UP--

16

17 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** MADAME CHAIR?

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES, SORRY. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

20

21 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** I'D I'D LIKE TO ADD TWO FRIENDLY
22 AMENDMENTS. 3-C WOULD INCLUDE THE LANGUAGE, "WE SHOULD
23 ENCOURAGE ALL COUNTY RESIDENTS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE
24 COMMUNITIES AND CULTURES OF ALL RELIGIONS, INCLUDING JUDAISM,
25 CHRISTIANITY, HINDUISM, BUDDHISM IN ADDITION TO ISLAM." AND

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1 ADDING ITEM 3-D, "TO DIRECT THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO
2 ENCOURAGE ALL COUNTY RESIDENTS WHO SEE SOMETHING TO SAY
3 SOMETHING," WHICH IS AN INITIATIVE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF
4 HOMELAND SECURITY TO ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO HELP KEEP OUR
5 COMMUNITIES SAFE BASED ON SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOR AND NOT RACE,
6 RELIGION OR ANY OTHER PROTECTED CLASS.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** IS THERE ANY OBJECTION? I THINK IT
9 SOUNDS FINE. THANK YOU FOR THAT. SUPERVISOR KNABE. NO? OKAY.
10 WITH THAT, THEN, WE WILL CALL UP PUBLIC TESTIMONY. SOME
11 WITNESSES THAT WE HAVE HERE THIS MORNING. WE HAVE LIEUTENANT
12 BRIAN MORIGUCHI. SERGEANT MIKE ABDEEN. SERGEANT SHERIFF MORSI,
13 AND MR. SALAM AL-MARAYATI. PLEASE COME FORWARD. THANK YOU,
14 GENTLEMEN.

15

16 **BRIAN MORIGUCHI:** GOOD MORNING. I'M GRATEFUL TO THIS BOARD FOR
17 CONSIDERING THIS MOTION AND EQUALLY DISGUSTED THAT SUCH A
18 MOTION IS NECESSARY. THE BIAS AND HATRED OPENLY DISPLAYED
19 TOWARDS MUSLIMS IS UNCONSCIONABLE. THE ANGER WE FEEL FOLLOWING
20 THE TERRORIST ATTACKS IN SAN BERNARDINO IS UNDERSTANDABLE, BUT
21 OUR ANGER SHOULD BE DIRECTED AT TERRORISTS NOT MUSLIMS. THIS
22 IS NOT THE FIRST TIME WE HAVE LASHED OUT AT AN ENTIRE GROUP OF
23 PEOPLE FOLLOWING AN ATTACK ON AMERICAN SOIL. THIS COUNTRY
24 INCARCERATED 100,000 JAPANESE AMERICANS FOLLOWING THE ATTACK
25 ON PEARL HARBOR. THESE PEOPLE HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE

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1 ATTACK. MANY OF THEM SERVED IN OUR MILITARY AND FOUGHT AND
2 DIED FOR THIS COUNTRY, AS SO MANY OTHER AMERICANS HAVE. MY
3 FATHER IS A THIRD GENERATION AMERICAN. HE WAS 12 YEARS OLD
4 WHEN HE WAS PLACED IN AN INTERNMENT CAMP ALONG WITH HIS
5 FAMILY. WAS HE TO BLAME FOR PEARL HARBOR? OF COURSE NOT. BUT
6 AMERICANS WERE ANGRY AND LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO BLAME. IT
7 DIDN'T REALLY MATTER WHO. I SEE THE SAME ANGER TODAY FOLLOWING
8 THE TERRORIST ATTACKS IN SAN BERNARDINO AND FRANCE. I SEE THE
9 SAME HATRED AND MISGUIDED BLAME BEING PLACED ON AN ENTIRE
10 GROUP OF PEOPLE, IN THIS CASE MUSLIMS. WHY? BECAUSE WE ARE
11 ANGRY AND LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO BLAME. TO SOME PEOPLE,
12 UNFORTUNATELY, IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER WHO. IT IS IMPORTANT
13 THAT WE DO NOT ALLOW HISTORY TO REPEAT ITSELF. IT'S OKAY TO BE
14 ANGRY WHEN AMERICA IS ATTACKED AND AMERICAN LIVES ARE LOST.
15 BUT WE MUST ENSURE THAT OUR ANGER IS DIRECTED AT THOSE
16 RESPONSIBLE. WE MUST FOCUS OUR ATTENTION AND RESOURCES ON
17 TERRORISTS AND TERRORISM. AND WE MUST BE VOCAL AGAINST THOSE
18 WHO TRY TO UNJUSTLY LABEL MUSLIMS AS THE ENEMY. I APPLAUD YOU
19 FOR ADDRESSING THIS ISSUE AND RECOGNIZING THAT AS LEADERS, YOU
20 HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO DENOUNCE THE BIAS AND HATE CRIMES
21 BEING PERPETRATED AGAINST MUSLIMS, AND ALL PEOPLE FOR THAT
22 MATTER. I THANK YOU FOR PROVIDING RESOURCES AND FUNDING TO THE
23 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO HELP US COMBAT THE REAL ENEMY:
24 TERRORISTS. I HAVE A FEW OF MY PEERS WITH ME, FELLOW LAW

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1 ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, WHO HAPPEN TO BE MUSLIM AND I'D LIKE YOU
2 TO HEAR FROM THEM, AS WELL.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YES.

5

6 **SGT. SHARIF MORSI:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS SERGEANT SHARIF
7 MORSI. I'VE SPENT THE LAST 15 YEARS PROUDLY SERVING THE GREAT
8 CITIZENS OF THIS GREAT COUNTY AS A MUSLIM DEPUTY SHERIFF. AS
9 DO MANY OF MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN LAW ENFORCEMENT, I PULL
10 PEOPLE OUT OF BURNING CARS AND BURNING HOUSES, I'VE PERFORMED
11 C.P.R. AND REUNITED LOST CHILDREN WITH THEIR PARENTS, ALL
12 WITHOUT BEING CONCERNED WHAT THEIR RACE, ETHNICITY OR
13 RELIGIOUS BACKGROUND. JUST AS A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S
14 ACTION DOES NOT REPRESENT ALL OF LAW ENFORCEMENT, THE ACTIONS
15 OF ONE INDIVIDUAL DOES NOT REPRESENT AN ENTIRE COMMUNITY. I
16 ASK THE CITIZENS OF THIS GREAT NATION TO USE COMMON SENSE AND
17 BASIC HUMANITY WHEN DEALING WITH MINORITY COMMUNITIES. I
18 COMMEND THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR OUTREACH EFFORTS
19 AND HOPE THAT THEY CONTINUE.

20

21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT WITNESS.

22

23 **SGT. MIKE ABDEEN:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE, AND THANK YOU, CHAIR
24 SOLIS FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP. MY NAME IS MIKE ABDEEN. I'M A
25 SERGEANT WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, I'M

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1 MUSLIM AND I'M PROUD TO BE BOTH. I'M ASSIGNED TO THE SPECIAL
2 OPERATIONS RURAL COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT UNIT AND I HAVE BEEN
3 SERVING ALL RESIDENTS OF L.A. COUNTY FOR OVER 24 YEARS.
4 EXTREMISM IS A THREAT TO ALL OF US REGARDLESS OF RELIGION OR
5 ETHNICITY. AS A MATTER OF FACT ,MUSLIMS SUFFER AS MUCH IF NOT
6 MORE WHEN A TERRORIST ATTACK OCCURS. I BELIEVE THAT PARTNERING
7 WITH OUR COMMUNITIES IS THE BEST WAY TO PREVENT EXTREMISM AND
8 DEFEAT THE TERRORISTS. EXTREMISTS WANT TO DIVIDE US. WE MUST
9 NOT LET THAT HAPPEN. WE MUST STAND UNITED AS AMERICANS WHETHER
10 WE'RE MUSLIMS, CHRISTIANS, SIKHS, JEWS, WHATEVER. WE ARE
11 AMERICANS. I WORK WITH MUSLIMS EVERY DAY, AND THEY ARE LIKE
12 EVERY ONE OF YOU. THEY ALL WANT SAFE COMMUNITIES. THEY WOULD
13 LIKE TO RAISE THEIR CHILDREN, PROVIDE THEM WITH EDUCATION, AND
14 THEY ARE PROUD AMERICANS. I URGE ALL OF YOU IN WHICHEVER
15 CAPACITY YOU MIGHT HAVE, TO INCREASE YOUR OUTREACH EFFORTS TO
16 THE MUSLIM COMMUNITY AND NOT TO ALIENATE AND DIVIDE BASED ON
17 THE RELIGION OR ETHNIC BACKGROUNDS. THANK YOU FOR THE
18 RESOLUTION AND YOUR LEADERSHIP.

19
20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE.

21
22 **SALAM AL-MARAYATI:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. MY NAME IS SALAM
23 AL-MARAYATI. I'M THE PRESIDENT OF THE MUSLIM PUBLIC AFFAIRS
24 COUNCIL. ALSO SERVE ON THE HOMELAND SECURITY FAITH-BASED
25 ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR THE SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECURITY, JAY

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1 JOHNSON. AND I WORK WITH PEOPLE OF DIFFERENT FAITHS, NAMELY
2 AND MOST IMPORTANTLY TO REINFORCE THE POINT THAT WE ARE UNITED
3 IN THE FIGHT AGAINST TERRORISM. IT'S TIME TO UNITE IN FIGHTING
4 TERRORISM AND NOT FIGHT EACH OTHER. THAT IS WHY I THINK THIS
5 RESOLUTION IS SO IMPORTANT. I PREACHED AT HOLMAN METHODIST
6 CHURCH ON SUNDAY. I STOOD WITH RABBI SHARON BROUS AND THE
7 MAYOR SUNDAY AT NOON AT CITY HALL TO RAISE ONE VOICE TOGETHER
8 IN CONDEMNING VIOLENCE AND HATRED. THAT IS WHAT IS GREAT ABOUT
9 AMERICA. WE DO NOT NEED SEGREGATED SOCIETY HERE LIKE THERE IS
10 IN EUROPE OR THE MIDDLE EAST. I SHARE-- MY DAUGHTER GOES TO
11 THE SAME SCHOOL AS SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. THIS IS THE AMERICA
12 THAT WE WANT TO PRESERVE BECAUSE THE FIGHT AGAINST TERRORISM
13 IS GOING TO BE A LONG ONE AND WE HAVE TO FORTIFY THE
14 PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN COMMUNITIES AND LAW ENFORCEMENT SO THAT
15 LAW ENFORCEMENT DEALS WITH THE CRIMINAL THREAT AND COMMUNITIES
16 SPEAK IN ONE VOICE IN PUSHING BACK AGAINST THE IDEOLOGY OF
17 HATE. WE HAVE TO BE TOGETHER IN PRESERVING OUR PLURALISM
18 BECAUSE THAT IS THE STRONGEST WEAPON AGAINST A DIVISIVE
19 SOCIETY THAT FEEDS INTO THE TERRORIST NARRATIVE, THAT WE
20 SHOULD HAVE A RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL WAR. AND, FINALLY, IN
21 THIS HOLIDAY SEASON, I WANT TO WISH MY JEWISH BROTHERS AND
22 SISTERS HAPPY HANUKKAH. I WANT TO WISH MY CHRISTIAN BROTHERS
23 AND SISTERS MERRY CHRISTMAS. I WANT TO WISH ALL PEOPLE OF ALL
24 BACKGROUNDS THAT WE ARE CREATED IN THE GREAT HUMAN SPIRIT. THE
25 HUMAN SPIRIT IS ALIVE AND WELL. WE SHOULD SACRIFICE WITH EACH

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1 OTHER SO THAT OUR FUTURE GENERATION LIVES WITH MUTUAL TRUST
2 NOT MUTUAL SUSPICION. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. CALL UP THE FOLLOWING
5 WITNESSES. DOUG BURPEE. MARK NAKAGAWA. RABBI JONATHAN KLEIN.
6 AND SUSAN RUSSELL. THANK YOU. GO RIGHT AHEAD.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** MADAME CHAIRMAN AND BOARD OF ADVISORS, GREETINGS. I
9 AM AN AMERICAN. A SON. A FATHER. A GRANDFATHER. A VETERAN. A
10 COLONEL IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS AND A MUSLIM. MY
11 FATHER WAS A MARINE. MY SON, A CAPTAIN IN THE MARINES. AND
12 SEVERAL MUSLIM FRIENDS' SONS ARE MARINE OFFICERS. I HAVE
13 FOUGHT, AS MANY BEFORE ME, TO DEFEND OUR WAY OF LIFE, OUR
14 CONSTITUTION, BILL OF RIGHTS, OUR FREEDOMS. DO NOT LET ANYONE
15 TAKE THOSE RIGHTS AWAY FROM US. AMAZINGLY TO ME, WE STILL SEEM
16 TO HAVE TO FIGHT THESE RIGHTS HERE IN AMERICA. THAT SHOULD NOT
17 BE THE CASE. THE PRICE HAS ALREADY BEEN PAID BY SO MANY FOR
18 US. WE MUST STAND TOGETHER FOR THE RIGHTS OF AMERICANS OF ANY
19 RACE OR CREED. WE AS PUBLIC SERVANTS AND AS VETERANS SERVE ALL
20 OF THE PEOPLE. WE DO NOT SERVE OUR OWN SELF-INTEREST. IT
21 STATES IT RIGHT ON YOUR WALL ABOVE YOU. WE SHOULD NOT LET
22 ANYONE TAKE AWAY THE THINGS WE CHERISH AND LOVE, LIKE FREEDOMS
23 OF RELIGION, FREEDOM OF SPEECH, FREEDOMS OF THINGS THAT MAKE
24 US AMERICA. DIVISIVENESS HAS PERMEATED OUR GLOBAL SOCIETY. WE
25 SEE IT IN THE PERVERTED WAYS IN WHICH THESE TERRORISTS

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1 INTERPRET THE SAME BOOK WE REVERE, BUT TO US THEY ARE SIMPLY
2 TERRORISTS. I WILL NOT GIVE THEM LEGITIMACY BY GIVING THEM THE
3 NAME OF THEIR MAKING. THE PEOPLE THAT COMMIT THESE ATROCITIES
4 ARE NOT THE VOICE OF ISLAM. THEY DO NOT REPRESENT US. THEIR
5 ACTIONS ARE COUNTER TO THE TEACHINGS OF LOVE AND PEACE WE
6 BELIEVE IN. THEY ARE JUST BAD PEOPLE KILLING INNOCENT PEOPLE,
7 SPREADING FEAR AMONGST ALL PEOPLE. IN THE U.S., GUN VIOLENCE
8 IS AN ISSUE. THERE HAVE BEEN 353 MASS SHOOTINGS IN 2015. AT
9 LEAST SINCE LAST NIGHT WHEN I LOOKED IT UP ON THE INTERNET.
10 THIS TYPE OF GUN VIOLENCE SHOULD BE UNACCEPTABLE TO US IN
11 AMERICA AND SHOULD ALL BE CONSIDERED TERRORISM. GUNS NEED TO
12 BE REMOVED FROM UNSTABLE PEOPLE AND THOSE THAT COMMIT CRIMES.
13 WE NEED TO GET CREATIVE. WE CANNOT THREATEN THE SECOND
14 AMENDMENT. UNFORTUNATELY, WE HAVE BECOME A NATION OF DIVISION.
15 EVERYONE WANTS A SEPARATE VOICE. ALL RACES, ALL CREEDS, ALL
16 ETHNICITIES, ALL SEXUAL, WHATEVER WE REPRESENT, SOMEHOW WE ALL
17 WANT INDIVIDUAL VOICES BECAUSE WE HAVE LOST-- BECAUSE WE HAVE
18 BEEN DIVIDED.

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED.
21 THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'D ALSO LIKE TO CALL UP MAYOR OF BELL,
22 ALI SALEH, WHO IS ALSO HERE. GO AHEAD. NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE.

23

24 **MARK NAKAGAWA:** MADAME CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. THANK
25 YOU SO MUCH FOR THIS IMPORTANT MOTION AND ALSO FOR MY

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1 OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK BEFORE YOU TO SUPPORT IT. I AM REVEREND
2 MARK NAKAGAWA, SENIOR MINISTER OF CENTENARY UNITED METHODIST
3 CHURCH A FEW BLOCKS AWAY IN LITTLE TOKYO. I'M ALSO SPEAKING OF
4 THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AND OUR RESIDENT BISHOP, MINERVA
5 CARCANO, HERE IN THE LOS ANGELES AREA AS WELL AS THE STATE OF
6 HAWAII WHICH IS ALSO A PART OF OUR JURISDICTION. THE EVENTS OF
7 EARLIER THIS MORNING PERHAPS COULD NOT PROVIDE A MORE POIGNANT
8 BACKDROP FOR THIS MORNING'S TESTIMONY. MY WIFE AND I ARE
9 PARENTS OF A 17-YEAR-OLD SENIOR IN THE L.A. UNIFIED SCHOOL
10 DISTRICT SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND OUR LIVES AS WELL AS THE LIVES
11 OF HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF OTHER FAMILIES WERE PUT ON HOLD
12 FOR ABOUT AN HOUR BECAUSE OF THE EVENTS OF THIS MORNING. AND
13 SO IT BRINGS HOME IN A REAL-- IN A VERY REAL WAY THE
14 IMPORTANCE OF THIS MOTION BEFORE US. FIRST, I, AS WELL AS
15 UNITED METHODISTS AND RESIDENTS AND STAKEHOLDERS OF LITTLE
16 TOKYO, CONDEMN THE GUN VIOLENCE THAT HAPPENED IN SAN
17 BERNARDINO LAST WEEK AS WELL AS IN PARIS, FRANCE A FEW WEEKS
18 BEFORE THAT. AT THE SAME TIME, I ALSO CONDEMN, AND WE ALSO
19 CONDEMN, THE VICTIMIZATION OF INNOCENT PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN
20 IDENTIFIED AS BEING ALIGNED WITH THE PERPETRATORS OF THAT GUN
21 VIOLENCE DUE TO THEIR PERCEIVED NATIONAL ORIGIN, ETHNICITY
22 AND/OR RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION. MY OWN PARENTS SPENT THEIR
23 TEENAGE YEARS IN JAPANESE- AMERICAN INTERNMENT CAMPS SIMPLY
24 BECAUSE THEY LOOKED LIKE THE ENEMY. AND IT WAS BELIEVED THAT
25 THEY WORSHIPPED LIKE THE ENEMY. THIS HITS HOME TO ME IN A VERY

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1 REAL WAY. AS A UNITED METHODIST I'M PROUD TO SAY THAT OUR
2 SOCIAL PRINCIPLES ADVOCATE FOR THE RIGHTS OF ALL PEOPLE TO
3 PRACTICE THEIR RELIGION, ESPECIALLY RELIGIONS THAT HAVE
4 MINORITY STATUS. OUR SOCIAL PRINCIPLES MAKE CLEAR THAT WE
5 CONDEMN ALL OVERT AND COVERT FORMS OF RELIGIOUS INTOLERANCE
6 AND THAT WE ASSERT THE RIGHT OF ALL RELIGIONS AND THEIR
7 ADHERENCE TO FREEDOM FROM LEGAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL
8 DISCRIMINATION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT WITNESS,
11 PLEASE.

12

13 **RABBI JONATHAN KLEIN:** GOOD MORNING. THIS IS AN RABBI JONATHAN
14 KLEIN. AND I COME WITH CLERGY AND LAITY UNITED FOR ECONOMIC
15 JUSTICE. ANY BIGOTRY IS WRONG. TODAY, THE SPOTLIGHT IS ON
16 MUSLIMS. PERPETUALLY IT IS ON AFRICAN-AMERICANS IN OUR
17 SOCIETY. IN THE '40S IT WAS ON JEWS. AND LET'S NOT IGNORE OUR
18 SIKH BROTHERS AND SISTERS WHO GO THROUGH HELL WHENEVER THE
19 FLAMES OF INTOLERANCE ARE STIRRED. THIS REALLY IS A NO-BRAINER
20 FOR OUR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, FILLED WITH SUCH A RICH
21 DIVERSITY OF BACKGROUNDS THAT THE FIVE OF YOU HAVE. THE
22 MESSAGE IS SIMPLE. NO MORE KRISTALLNACHTS. NO MORE SOVEREIGNS
23 AND SHATILAS. NO MORE AMRITSARS. NO MORE MY LAIS. NO MORE.
24 IT'S TIME FOR US TO STAND AS A COMMUNITY TOGETHER AND
25 RECOGNIZE THE BEAUTY OF THIS COUNTRY. THANK YOU.

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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT WITNESS. THANK YOU.

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4 **SUSAN RUSSELL:** I'M THE REVEREND SUSAN RUSSELL FROM ALL SAINTS
5 CHURCH IN PASADENA, A NATIVE OF LOS ANGELES. I'M ALSO A PRIEST
6 AND PASTOR AND I HAVE A LOT TO DO THE WEEK BEFORE CHRISTMAS.
7 AND WHEN I GOT THE CALL TO COME TODAY, THERE'S NOWHERE ELSE I
8 WOULD RATHER BE. I'M ALSO A MOM. ONE OF MY SONS IS A VETERAN
9 OF IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN. AND WHEN HE WAS HOME FOR THANKSGIVING
10 IN THE MIDST OF THE CHALLENGE AROUND THE SAN BERNARDINO
11 SHOOTINGS, HE SAID TO ME, "DO YOU KNOW, MOM, I SWORE TO DEFEND
12 THE CONSTITUTION AGAINST ALL ENEMIES, FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC.
13 AND I CANNOT STAND BY AND WATCH SOME PEOPLE TAKE THE SECOND
14 AMENDMENT LITERALLY WHILE THEY'RE TRYING TO DISMANTLE THE
15 FIRST AMENDMENT AND END EQUAL PROTECTION FOR ALL PEOPLE OF ALL
16 FAITHS. " I'M PROUD OF MY KID. HE'S ALSO MAJORING IN SOCIAL
17 SCIENCES AND TAKING HIS MASTER'S AT WESTERN KENTUCKY
18 UNIVERSITY, JUST A PLUG. BUT I'M PROUD OF MY SON AND I'M PROUD
19 OF THIS LOS ANGELES BOARD OF COUNTY SUPERVISORS. BECAUSE I
20 WENT TO SEMINARY, THEY MADE ME LEARN GREEK. I KNOW THAT THE
21 WORD ANGEL IN GREEK MEANS MESSENGER. AND WE HAVE A CHANCE HERE
22 TODAY TO BE A MESSENGER TO THE REST OF THIS STATE, THIS
23 COUNTRY AND THIS WORLD THAT SAYS "TOGETHER WE WILL STAND
24 UNITED. TOGETHER WE WILL INCARNATE ALL OF THOSE VALUES THAT
25 MAKE US AMERICANS. AND TOGETHER WE WILL BECOME THE COUNTRY WE

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1 ARE CALLED TO BE. WE WILL BE THE CHANGE WE WANT TO SEE. I URGE
2 YOUR SUPPORT FOR THIS RESOLUTION AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I'D LIKE TO CALL UP SOME
5 MORE WITNESSES BEFORE WE HEAR THE MAYOR FROM BELL. I HAVE
6 JYOTSWAROOP KAUR FROM LOS ANGELES. NIRINJAN KHALSA. DR.
7 GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. ARNOLD SACHS. THANK YOU. MR. MAYOR?

8

9 **MAYOR ALI SALEH:** GOOD MORNING, BUENOS DIAS. I AM ALI SALEH,
10 THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BELL. I'M HERE TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF
11 THE MOTION AGAINST ISLAMOPHOBIA, NOT BECAUSE I AM A MUSLIM
12 MYSELF BUT BECAUSE OF THE FEARMONGERING THAT IS GOING ON THAT
13 THREATENS TO UNDO WHAT'S GREAT ABOUT AMERICA AND THE CITY OF
14 BELL. BELL IS A WORKING CLASS COMMUNITY WHERE LATINOS AND
15 ARABS LIVE AND WORK SIDE BY SIDE TO REBUILD A CITY ONCE
16 PILLAGED BY CORRUPTION. IN BELL, WE ARE NEIGHBORS FIRST,
17 IMMIGRANTS OR CHILDREN OF IMMIGRANTS, WHO ARE ALL TRYING TO
18 LIVE THE AMERICAN DREAM OF A BETTER LIFE. WHEN I HEAR
19 PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES FUELING PEOPLE'S FEARS AND CALLING FOR
20 EXTREME MEASURES SUCH AS MUSLIM REGISTRIES, I CAN'T HELP BUT
21 FEAR THAT THE ANTI-ISLAMIC RHETORIC WILL PERMEATE INTO BELL
22 AND PIT LATINOS AGAINST ARABS AND DISTRACT US FROM REBUILDING
23 OUR GREAT CITY. IT IS A FRIGHTENING TIME AS OUR AMERICAN
24 VALUES AND TRADITIONS COME UNDER ATTACK. IT IS SAD WHEN I OR
25 SOMEONE ELSE HAS TO EXPLAIN WHO WE ARE. I'M AN AMERICAN

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1 PURSUING THE AMERICAN DREAM, WORKING TO IMPROVE MY COMMUNITY
2 AS A MAYOR AND AS A MUSLIM. I'M A FATHER WHO IS RAISING A
3 FAMILY. AND LIKE OTHER PARENTS, I WANT TO MAKE SURE MY
4 CHILDREN ARE GETTING A GOOD EDUCATION AND RUN OUR FAMILY
5 BUSINESS. I WORK EVERY DAY TO REFORM MY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND
6 UNDO DECADES OF CORRUPTION. BUT NOW I CAN'T STOP THINKING
7 ABOUT HOW TO PROTECT MY SON FROM HARASSMENT AND/OR BULLYING
8 BECAUSE OF THEIR RELIGION OR ORIGIN OF THEIR NAME. I WANT THEM
9 TO LIVE IN THE SAME AMERICA WHERE I LIVED, A PLACE WHERE IT'S
10 SAFE TO PRACTICE OUR RELIGION AND NOT HAVE TO FEEL IT IS OUR
11 DUTY TO EXPLAIN OURSELVES. INSTEAD, I HAVE THE CONSTANT FEAR
12 OF MY CHILDREN GOING TO SCHOOL AND BEING BLAMED OR PUT UPON
13 FOR THE ACTION OF EXTREMISTS, PERSECUTED BY THEIR PEERS FOR
14 THE RUTHLESS ACTS OF OTHERS. I DENOUNCE THESE CRIMINALS AND I
15 CONSTANTLY STRUGGLE TO COMPREHEND THESE SENSELESS ACTS. THEY
16 MUST BE STOPPED SO THAT THE ATTACKS LIKE THOSE THAT OCCURRED
17 IN SAN BERNARDINO WILL NEVER HAPPEN AGAIN, ANYWHERE. AS WE
18 LEARN MORE ABOUT THE TWO ASSAILANTS AND POLITICAL CAMPAIGN
19 HEATS UP, I CAN'T HELP BUT FEEL EVEN MORE FEAR FOR THE SAFETY
20 OF MY SON OR OTHERS BECAUSE OF THEIR RELIGION. I COULD SHAVE
21 MY BEARD. I COULD AVOID TALKING ABOUT MY RELIGION AND ATTEMPT
22 TO BLEND IN WITH THE LATINOS IN MY COMMUNITY. BUT WHAT ABOUT A
23 YOUNG BOY TRYING TO FIT IN DURING HIS AWKWARD TEENAGE YEARS?
24 OR OUR SISTERS AND MOTHERS WHO WEAR HIJABS? OR BEING
25 OSTRACIZED, SPIT ON, YELLED AT SIMPLY BECAUSE A SHOOTER

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1 HAPPENS TO BE MUSLIM HIMSELF. SADLY, MY FEARS ARE BECOMING
2 REALITY. YOU CAN'T TURN ON THE NEWS WITHOUT LEARNING OF
3 INNOCENT MUSLIMS WHO ARE BEING ATTACKED. YOUNG GIRLS WHO ARE
4 BEING PINNED DOWN AS THEIR PEERS TRY TO REMOVE THEIR HIJAB.
5 MOSQUES WHO ARE BEING TARGETED AND BURNED. TODAY I WAKE WITH A
6 HEAVY HEART FOR THE INNOCENT LIVES LOST TO TERRORISM AROUND
7 THE WORLD. I WORRY ABOUT THE POTENTIAL FOR MORE VIOLENCE AT
8 THE HANDS OF EXTREMISTS AND FEAR FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL
9 INNOCENT MUSLIMS AND ARABS WHO WILL NOW UNJUSTLY CARRY THE
10 BURDEN FOR SOMEONE ELSE'S ACTION. IT'S CONTRARY TO OUR
11 AMERICAN VALUES. I'M ALMOST DONE. BUT AS AN AMERICAN, I AM
12 HOLDING TO OUR VALUES OF EQUALITY AND FREEDOM TO PRACTICE THE
13 RELIGION WE CHOOSE. I THANK CHAIR SOLIS, SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR
14 INTRODUCING THIS MOTION AND I URGE YOU ALL TO VOTE YES AND
15 STAND UP FOR THE BELL AND L.A. COUNTY AGAINST VIOLENCE AND
16 EXTREMISTS AND ALSO HATEFUL RHETORIC BY POLITICIANS. OUR
17 COUNTY MUST CONTINUE TO BE A PLACE WHERE WE RESPECT OUR
18 DIFFERENCES BUT BOND OVER OUR COMMON INTERESTS TO EMBRACE EACH
19 OTHER AND EXPAND OPPORTUNITY FOR EVERYONE. IN BELL, LIKE L.A.
20 COUNTY, WE ARE NEIGHBORS FIGHTING FOR THE AMERICAN DREAM
21 BEFORE ANYTHING ELSE. I CAN ONLY HOPE THAT AMERICANS DON'T LET
22 FEAR AND EXTREMISTS DEGRADE OUR AMERICAN VALUE AS A COUNTRY.
23 WE MUST STAND TOGETHER AND NOT FALL PREY TO BLAMING ANY
24 PARTICULAR RELIGION FOR VIOLENCE PERPETRATED BY THOSE CALLING
25 THEMSELVES CHRISTIANS OR MUSLIMS. WE AS AMERICANS ARE BETTER

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1 THAN THIS AND WE STAND UNITED. OUR PEOPLE AND OUR COUNTRY WILL
2 PREVAIL. THANK YOU AND I RESPECTFULLY ASK FOR AN AYE VOTE.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MAYOR. THANK YOU FOR
5 COMING. I'D LIKE TO CALL UP SOME OTHER WITNESSES, AS WELL,
6 BEFORE WE BEGIN AGAIN. ARYEH COHEN. KATHY MASAOKA. MIKE
7 ABDEEN. YOU'RE RECOGNIZED, SIR.

8

9 **NIRINJAN KHALSA:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS, I'M VERY HAPPY TO
10 SEE YOU THIS MORNING. I'M GRATEFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE
11 HERE. MY NAME IS NIRINJAN KHALSA. I'M THE DIRECTOR OF THE
12 CALIFORNIA SIKH COUNCIL AND I'M ALSO UP UNTIL A COUPLE WEEKS
13 AGO WAS PRESIDENT IN THE CITY'S HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION.
14 ISLAMOPHOBIA DOES NOT ONLY AFFECT MUSLIMS, IT AFFECTS SIKHS,
15 CHRISTIANS, BASICALLY ANYONE OF SOUTH ASIAN OR MIDDLE EASTERN
16 DESCENT AND EVEN AFTER 9/11, LATINOS WERE ATTACKED BECAUSE OF
17 THEIR APPEARANCE, PEOPLE WERE SO RABID WITH HATRED AND FEAR.
18 THE FIRST PERSON MURDERED IN A HATE CRIME AFTER 9/11 WAS A
19 SIKH IN ARIZONA, THE SECOND WAS A HINDU IN TEXAS AND THE THIRD
20 A COPTIC CHRISTIAN IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. SO WE CAN SEE
21 HOW IMPORTANT THIS RESOLUTION IS. WE CAN SEE HOW IMPORTANT IT
22 IS THAT WE AS COMMUNITY ACTIVISTS AND AS CIVIC SERVANTS, THAT
23 WE RUN HEADLONG INTO THE WAVE OF FEAR AND HATRED AND ANGER
24 THAT'S INEVITABLY GOING TO COME AS A RESULT OF THESE ATTACKS.
25 WE MUST NOT JUST SPEAK TO ISLAMOPHOBIA BUT THE UNDERLYING

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1 FEAR, ANGER AND HATRED THAT SPAWNS IT. FEAR, HATRED AND
2 DIVISIVENESS IS CORROSIVE AND IF ALLOWED TO PERSIST, IT WILL
3 EAT AWAY AT THE VERY STRENGTHS THAT HAVE MADE AMERICA THE
4 GREAT COUNTRY THAT IT IS. NOW IS THE TIME THE VOICE OF REASON
5 MUST OVERCOME THE SCREAMS OF HYSTERIA. IF THIS HYSTERIA IS NOT
6 NEUTRALIZED WITH CONSCIOUSNESS AND REASON, IT WILL GAIN
7 MOMENTUM AND IMPAIR OUR EFFORTS TO FIGHT OUR REAL ENEMIES
8 HERE: FANATICISM, TERRORISM AND OPPRESSION. RELIGIOUS LEADERS
9 MUST STAND UNITED WITH CIVIC LEADERS AND NOT ONLY CONDEMN
10 THESE HEINOUS CRIMES BUT CALL ON ANGELINOS AND THE AMERICAN
11 PEOPLE TO RISE ABOVE THEIR FEAR AND ANGER INSTEAD OF ATTACKING
12 EACH OTHER AND UNITE AGAINST THE BIGOTRY, BLIND FEAR AND
13 DIVISIVENESS THAT THESE CRIMINALS HOPE TO CREATE. ON BEHALF OF
14 THE SIKH COMMUNITY, WE'RE VERY GRATEFUL TO SUPERVISORS SOLIS
15 AND KUEHL FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION TO A VOTE AND HIGHLY
16 ENCOURAGE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO DO WHATEVER MORE IT CAN
17 TO COUNTER THE FEAR, ANGER AND HATE-FILLED REACTION TO THESE
18 HEINOUS CRIMES THAT CAUSE AMERICANS TO TURN ON EACH OTHER.
19 AGAIN, THANK YOU. I ENCOURAGE US NOT TO STOP WITH THIS
20 RESOLUTION TODAY TO MOVE FORWARD. YOU HAVE AN EXTREMELY
21 CAPABLE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION UNDER YOUR DOMINION. THANK
22 YOU FOR LETTING ME GO OVER TIME.

23
24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE.

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1 **JYOTSWAROOP KAUR:** HI, GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS JYOTSWA KAUR,
2 AND I'M WITH THE SIKH AMERICAN LEGAL DEFENSE AND EDUCATION
3 FUND. IN 1984, DURING THE SIKH GENOCIDE IN INDIA, MY FAMILY
4 HID ON ROOFTOPS. WHILE THOUSANDS WOULD NOT, WE SURVIVED. A
5 DECADE OF TRYING TO MAKE HOME, MY FATHER PART OF FIRST
6 GENERATION BORN IN FREE INDIA, GAVE UP THE LAND HIS ANCESTORS
7 FOUGHT FOR AND LOOKED FOR A MORE PEACEFUL AND JUST COUNTRY FOR
8 HIS CHILDREN. WE CAME HERE FLEEING PERSECUTION JUST AS THE
9 CATHOLIC, IRISH AND THE ITALIANS AND MANY OTHER COMMUNITIES
10 DID. WE WERE ALL DRAWN HERE BY A SHARED DREAM OF MAKING HOME
11 IN A PLACE WHERE LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL REIGNS SUPREME. A
12 HOME I HAVE MADE HERE. I HAVE A COMMUNITY HERE IN THE CITY I
13 LOVE. YET, THIS IS ALSO THE PLACE WHERE MY BROWN BODY IS
14 PERPETUALLY FOREIGN. WHERE MY BROTHER AND FATHER, WHO HAVE HAD
15 OPPORTUNITIES, THEY ARE BUSINESS OWNERS AND HARD WORKING MEN,
16 QUINTESSENTIAL AMERICANS, YET WITH THEIR TURBANS, CONSTANTLY
17 SUSPECT. UNFORTUNATELY THIS CLIMATE DID NOT HAPPEN OVERNIGHT
18 OR BY ACCIDENT. IT'S A CAREFUL CONSTRUCT OF SOME POLITICIANS,
19 SOME PROMINENT VOICES, THE MAINSTREAM MEDIA NARRATIVE THAT HAS
20 FORGOTTEN THE NATIVE AMERICANS AND STRIPPED THE NEW AMERICANS
21 OF OUR CONTRIBUTIONS AND RIGHT TO OUR COUNTRY. THIS IS OFTEN
22 IN THE NAME OF PATRIOTISM, IN THE NAME OF LOVE OF OUR COUNTRY.
23 WELL, THERE IS NOTHING TO SPEAK OF LOVE HERE AND NOTHING
24 PATRIOTIC ABOUT HATE. AND AS ELECTED OFFICIALS, YOU ALL MUST
25 TAKE A STAND AGAINST THIS HATE, FOR SILENCE IN THE FACE OF

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1 PREJUDICE IS ACCEPTANCE OF IT. I APPLAUD YOUR MOTION TODAY AND
2 LOOK FORWARD TO INCREASED INVESTMENT IN HATE CRIME PREVENTION
3 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I WANT TO CALL UP TWO MORE
6 WITNESSES. ELBASHIR ELTAIB. AND RACHMIEL "ROCKY" KLEIN

7

8 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
9 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. YOU KNOW, I AM VERY CONCERNED BECAUSE
10 LATELY WE'RE TRYING TO DIVIDE PEOPLE ALL THE TIME. AND FOR THE
11 LAST FEW WEEKS, WE HAVE BEEN SAYING HOW BADLY THE MUSLIMS HAVE
12 BEEN TREATED AND SO ON. BUT IF YOU REALLY LOOK AT THE
13 STATISTICS, MORE JEWISH HAVE HAD HATE CRIME AGAINST THEM IN
14 THE UNITED STATES THE LAST FEW YEARS THAN MUSLIMS. IT'S TIME
15 WE LOOK AT TERRORISTS FOR TERRORISTS, NO MATTER WHERE THEY
16 COME FROM, WHAT RELIGIONS THEY ARE, BECAUSE IF THEY ARE
17 BREAKING THE LAW AND THEY ARE DOING SOMETHING WRONG, THEY
18 SHOULD BE DEALT WITH. AND I THINK THAT'S WHAT YOU HAVE TO LOOK
19 AT. BECAUSE BY PUTTING PEOPLE INTO COMPARTMENTS LIKE YOU WANT
20 TO DO, YOU ARE GOING TO MISS A LOT OF THE PEOPLE WHO WANT TO
21 DO HARM AND WE CANNOT ALLOW THAT TO HAPPEN. YOU KNOW, I'M OLD
22 ENOUGH TO REMEMBER THE MOLES OF THE WORLD WAR II AND SO ON.
23 I'M SURE NOW WE HAVE A LOT OF THOSE NO MATTER WHICH RELIGIONS
24 THEY ARE OR WHERE THEY COME FROM, AND THOSE PEOPLE HAVE TO BE
25 DEALT WITH. A FEW YEARS AGO, A VERY FAMOUS SCIENTIST HAD HIS

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1 DAUGHTER BREAKING THE RULE. SHE WAS SPENDING FEW WEEKS WITH
2 ME. SHE STAYED WHEN HER VISA WAS EXPIRED. I DID WHAT EVERYBODY
3 SHOULD DO. I TOOK HER BACK TO THE AIRPORT. I CALLED HER FATHER
4 AND I SAID YOU WAIT FOR HER BECAUSE I AM NOT GOING TO COVER
5 THAT BEHAVIOR. AND THAT HAPPEN ALMOST EVERY DAY. THE SCHOOLS,
6 THE UNIVERSITIES ALLOW THAT TO HAPPEN EVERY DAY. TELL THEM TO
7 STOP. OF COURSE I HAD TO PAY BECAUSE SHE TRIED TO RUN AWAY IN
8 HOUSTON, YOU KNOW. BUT WE NEED TO DO SOMETHING. WHEN PEOPLE
9 TOTALLY BREAKING THE RULE AND SO ON, WE NEED TO DEAL WITH IT.
10 AND IT DOES NOT MATTER WHAT RELIGIONS THEY ARE. THAT'S WHAT WE
11 NEED TO LOOK AT.

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT WITNESS. THANK YOU.

14

15 **RABBI ARYEH COHEN:** GOOD MORNING, I'M RABBI ARYEH COHEN. I AM
16 THE RABBI IN RESIDENCE OF BEND THE ARC, A JEWISH PARTNERSHIP
17 FOR JUSTICE, AND I'M ON THE BOARD OF C.L.U.E. I'M ALSO A
18 PARENT OF A TENTH GRADER IN HAMILTON HIGH SCHOOL WHO IS HOME
19 TODAY BECAUSE OF THE BOMB SCARE. I WANT TO COMMEND SUPERVISORS
20 SOLIS AND KUEHL AND THE BOARD FOR THEIR STRONG LEADERSHIP IN
21 TAKING A STAND AGAINST BIGOTRY OF ALL KINDS AND ANTI-MUSLIM
22 BIGOTRY IN PARTICULAR. UNFORTUNATELY OVER THE LAST WEEK OR SO
23 THERE HAVE BEEN 20 ANTI-MUSLIM ACTS IN THE COUNTRY AND SEVERAL
24 IN THE LOS ANGELES AREA. THE FOUNDATIONAL RABBINIC TEXT, THE
25 MISHNAH, AS ALSO THE QUR'AN, SAYS THAT ONE WHO KILLS A PERSON

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1 IS AS IF HE HAS DESTROYED A WHOLE WORLD. WE MOURN EVERY DEATH
2 IN THE 14 TRAGIC AND AWFUL DEATHS IN SAN BERNARDINO. WE MUST
3 SAY WE WILL MEET HATRED WITH LOVE. WE MUST FORGO THIS FALSE
4 SECURITY OF SCAPEGOATING SOME AMERICANS, MUSLIM AMERICANS, IN
5 FAVOR OF THE ACTUAL STRENGTH OF UNITY AND LOVE. WE REMEMBER
6 WHAT HAPPENED WHEN AFTER PEARL HARBOR WE LET OUR FEAR GET THE
7 BETTER OF US AND WE FORGOT THAT JAPANESE AMERICANS WERE OUR
8 BROTHERS AND SISTERS AND WE SENT THEM TO CONCENTRATION CAMPS,
9 CAMPS FROM WHICH SOME OF THEM LEFT TO FIGHT IN THE AMERICAN
10 ARMY. WE REMEMBER THAT WHILE AMERICAN TROOPS WERE FIGHTING
11 HITLER'S NAZI IDEOLOGY OF ANTI-SEMITIC GENOCIDE IN EUROPE,
12 FATHER COCHRANE WAS PREACHING ANTI-SEMITISM IN AMERICA AND
13 AFRICAN-AMERICAN SOLDIERS WOULD COME BACK FROM THE WAR TO THE
14 JIM CROW SOUTH AND RACISM IN THE NORTH. THE ONLY SILVER LINING
15 IN THIS AWFUL SITUATION IS THAT PEOPLE OF GOOD WILL OF ALL
16 FAITHS ARE COMING TOGETHER TO STRONGLY SAY THE RACISM AND
17 BIGOTRY ON ANY BASIS WILL BE GIVEN NO QUARTER. AND I THANK
18 YOU, THEREFORE, FOR YOUR MOTION.

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT WITNESS,
21 PLEASE.

22

23 **KATHY MASAOKA:** MY NAME IS KATHY MASAOKA. I'M THE CO-CHAIR OF
24 THE NIKKEI FOR CIVIL RIGHTS AND REDRESS, AND I WANTED TO THANK
25 SUPERVISORS HILDA SOLIS AND SHEILA KUEHL FOR THIS RESOLUTION.

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1 AFTER 9/11/2001 WHEN I HEARD AN AMERICAN MUSLIM WOMAN TALK ON
2 THE RADIO ABOUT HOW AFRAID SHE WAS TO GO OUT TO THE MARKET IN
3 HER HIJAB, I REALIZED THAT THIS IS THE SAME KIND OF FEAR MY
4 JAPANESE AMERICAN PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS FELT AFTER PEARL
5 HARBOR. I'M A SANSEI OF THIRD GENERATION AND THOUGH WE AS
6 SANSEI HAD NOT BEEN IN THE CAMP, WE HAD BEEN TO THE MANZANAR
7 CONCENTRATION CAMP, HEARD OUR COMMUNITY TELL THEIR STORIES TO
8 A COMMISSION IN 1981 AND FOUGHT FOR REDRESS IN THE '80S AND
9 '90S. HOWEVER, WE DID NOT REALLY UNDERSTAND THE FEAR UNTIL
10 THAT MOMENT. AND WE ORGANIZED A VIGIL IN LITTLE TOKYO IN 2001
11 BECAUSE WE DID NOT WANT ANOTHER GROUP TO BE TARGETED AND
12 ISOLATED. WE DID NOT WANT THEIR CIVIL AND CONSTITUTIONAL
13 RIGHTS TO BE VIOLATED LIKE OUR COMMUNITY'S WERE DUE TO WAR,
14 HYSTERIA, RACE PREJUDICE AND FAILURE OF POLITICAL LEADERSHIP.
15 YET TODAY WE HAVE THE HYSTERIA OF RELIGIOUS PREJUDICE AND
16 POSSIBLE FAILURE OF POLITICAL LEADERSHIP. WE NEED YOU TO
17 PROVIDE THE POLITICAL LEADERSHIP THAT STANDS UP TO FEAR,
18 HYSTERIA. WE NEED YOU TO CHALLENGE THOSE WHO SPEAK HATE AND
19 TAKE STRONG ACTION AGAINST VIOLENCE. WE NEED YOU TO BE
20 DEFENDERS OF THE CONSTITUTION AND CIVIL RIGHTS OF ALL OF US.
21 WE NEED YOU TO CHAMPION ETHNIC AND RELIGIOUS DIVERSITY, TO BE
22 LEADERS IN BUILDING SOLIDARITY IN OUR COMMUNITY. LAST WEEK WE
23 HAD A VIGIL OF CLOSE TO 400 IN LITTLE TOKYO. IT WAS ORGANIZED
24 BY OVER 50 GROUPS, VERY DIFFERENT FROM 2001. WE'VE ORGANIZED
25 FOR PROGRAMS SINCE THEN, WORKED TOGETHER WITH AMERICAN MUSLIMS

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1 AND WE HAVE LEARNED TO RESPECT AND TRUST EACH OTHER. WE NEED
2 YOU TO SUPPORT PROGRAMS LIKE THESE AND TO ENCOURAGE ALL
3 COMMUNITIES TO FIND WAYS TO INTERACT, LEARN ABOUT EACH OTHER
4 AND APPRECIATE BOTH OUR DIFFERENCES AND OUR COMMONALITIES.
5 WE'RE BUILDING A COALITION FROM THAT AND WE'LL BE WORKING ON
6 SOME OF THESE PROGRAMS, BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY WE'LL BE
7 CHALLENGING OUR POLITICAL LEADERS TO LEAD. THE U.S.
8 GOVERNMENT, THE GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA, L.A. COUNTY AND CITY
9 FAILED JAPANESE DURING WORLD WAR II. PLEASE DO NOT FAIL THE
10 CITY OF LOS ANGELES, THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES TODAY. THANK
11 YOU.

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MA'AM. NEXT
14 WITNESS?

15

16 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING, ARNOLD SACHS. I'M
17 NOT WITNESSING. I'M JUST COMMENTING, MADAME CHAIR. HERE'S A
18 HEADLINE FROM THE L.A. TIMES FROM WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25,
19 2015, IT SAYS AND I WAS GOING TO USE THIS LATER ON,
20 POLICYMAKER AND CONCERNED CITIZEN. IT'S TALKING ABOUT SOMEBODY
21 IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. CONCERNED POLICY MAKER IS NOT THE
22 SAME. IT WOULD BE NICE TO HEAR SOME DISCUSSION ABOUT, I DON'T
23 KNOW, I DIDN'T GET A CHANCE TO REALLY READ TODAY'S NEWSPAPER,
24 BUT I'M SURE THERE'S BEEN HALF A DOZEN BOMBINGS AROUND THE
25 WORLD THAT HAVE INVOLVED INNOCENT PEOPLE GOING TO MARKETS,

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1 JUST LIKE THEY DID IN PARIS. AND IT TAKES SOMETHING LIKE THAT
2 INCIDENT TO BRING OUT A RESPONSE FROM THE COUNTY BOARD OF
3 SUPERVISORS. I DON'T HEAR ANY RESPONSES FROM ANY OF THE MARKET
4 PLACE BOMBINGS IN ANY OF THE LESSER NATIONS IN THE COUNTRY.
5 MAYBE IN AFRICA OR ASIA OR SOUTHEAST ASIA, ANY OF THESE
6 COUNTRIES WHERE TERRORISM IS ALWAYS STRIKING KILLING DOZENS OF
7 PEOPLE, HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE, MAIMING AND INJURING. SO ADDRESS
8 THE PROFITABILITY THAT'S INVOLVED IN TERRORISM. BECAUSE
9 THERE'S A PROFIT TO BE MADE HERE. YOU KNOW, ARMING TERRORISTS,
10 IN SUPPLYING TERRORISTS. ADDRESS THAT. ADDRESS THE RESULTS.
11 I'D LIKE TO HEAR YOU ADDRESS THE RESULTS OF THIS IN A LOGICAL
12 MANNER OF HOW TO INCORPORATE THE COUNTY'S RESOURCES TO HELP
13 THE PEOPLE THAT ARE SUFFERING IN SAN BERNARDINO FROM THE LOSS
14 OF SERVICES. THERE'S GOING TO BE, READ TOMORROW'S NEWSPAPER,
15 THERE'S GOING TO BE MORE BOMBINGS, FOR SURE. ARE YOU GOING TO
16 ADDRESS THOSE, TOO? IT TAKES MORE THAN THAT.

17

18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE.

19

20 **ELBASHIR ELTAIB:** GOOD MORNING.

21

22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING.

23

24 **ELBASHIR ELTAIB:** MY NAME IS ELBASHIR. THANK YOU FOR INVITING
25 ME, HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, TO SPEAK THIS MORNING. I'M

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1 A MEMBER OF S.E.I.U. I'M A COUNTY EMPLOYEE FOR THE LAST 15
2 YEARS. I AM A SOCIAL SERVICES SUPERVISOR. I WOULD LIKE TO
3 EXPRESS AND OFFER MY CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES AND FRIENDS
4 OF THE SAN BERNARDINO EMPLOYEES, THE VICTIM OF SAN BERNARDINO,
5 TEN OF WHOM WERE S.E.I.U. MEMBERS AND TO CONDEMN THOSE
6 HORRIFIC TERRORIST, COWARDLY ACTS. ALSO I WOULD LIKE TO THANK
7 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF SUPERVISOR
8 SOLIS FOR MAKING THIS MOTION TO CONDEMN TERRORISM AND SUPPORT
9 PEACE. I ALSO WOULD LIKE TO COMMEND THE MUSLIMS WHO CAME LAST
10 WEEKEND TO DOWNTOWN TO EXPRESS THEIR SORROW, SADNESS AND TO
11 CONDEMN THE SCAPEGOATING OF MUSLIMS. S.E.I.U. WANTS EVERYONE
12 TO KNOW THAT LOVE IS THE ONLY THING THAT CAN CONQUER HATE. WE
13 AS AMERICANS, REGARDLESS OF RACE OR RELIGION, MUST STICK
14 TOGETHER TO PREVAIL OVER THOSE WHO WANT TO USE HATE AND
15 VIOLENCE. IN THE WORDS OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, DARKNESS CANNOT
16 DRIVE OUT DARKNESS. ONLY LIGHT AND LOVE CAN DO THAT. WE MUST
17 BE THE LIGHT AND LOVE. THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SIR. NEXT
20 WITNESS.

21

22 **RACHMIEL KLEIN:** HELLO. MY NAME IS RACHMIEL KLEIN. AND I AM A
23 STUDENT AT HAMILTON MUSIC ACADEMY. I REALIZE THAT RECENTLY
24 THERE HAVE BEEN MANY INSTANCES OF TERRORISM OR THREATS OF
25 TERRORISM, TYPICALLY ASSUMED TO BE DONE BY MUSLIMS. IF I WERE

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1 A MUSLIM, I WOULD NOT WANT TO BE LABELED AS AN AUTOMATIC
2 SUSPECT OF VIOLENCE. I AM NOT AGAINST THE JUSTICE SYSTEM, BUT
3 I AM AGAINST INCARCERATION OF INDIVIDUALS BEFORE THERE IS A
4 REASONABLE REASON TO DO SO. OUR COUNTRY IS ONE BUILT OFF
5 EQUALITY. IT SEEMS THAT THE CURRENT INSTITUTIONALIZED RACISM
6 OF ISLAM IS AN ISSUE THAT NEEDS IMMEDIATE REFORMATION. I AM AN
7 L.A.U.S.D. STUDENT AND HAD TWO FINALS TODAY. THIS DISTRICT WAS
8 SHUT DOWN DUE TO AN ANONYMOUS THREAT. YES, I'M NERVOUS TO GO
9 TO SCHOOL TOMORROW. AND, YES, I'M NERVOUS ABOUT MY SISTER
10 GOING TO HER FRIEND'S HOUSE NEXT TO THE SCHOOL. BUT UNTIL
11 THERE'S EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT RELIGIOUS TERRORISM, TO SAY THAT
12 THIS IS, IS JUST UNREASONABLE. PLEASE SUPPORT THE MEASURE TO
13 PROTECT OUR REAL FREEDOM, FREEDOM OF RELIGION INCLUDED, SO
14 THAT IT DOES NOT EBB AWAY. THANK YOU.

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16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MEMBERS, I
17 BELIEVE THAT'S THE LAST OF OUR WITNESSES. THIS ITEM HAS BEEN
18 AMENDED. IT HAS BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED. IF THERE IS NO
19 OBJECTION, SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER. THANK YOU. NEXT ITEM,
20 MEMBERS, IS ITEM 60-A. AND I HAVE HELD THIS ITEM. AND THIS IS-
21 - WE HAVE ONE SPEAKER. BEFORE WE CALL OUR SPEAKER UP, THOUGH,
22 I DO WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR ALSO CO-AUTHORING THIS
23 MEASURE WITH ME. SOMETHING I KNOW SHE AND I CARE VERY DEEPLY
24 ABOUT. AND I CALL TO MIND ABOUT TWO MONTHS AGO I HAD A VISIT
25 IN MY DISTRICT THAT A TRANSITIONAL AGED YOUTH FACILITY RUN BY

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1 PACIFIC CLINICS. IT'S CALLED A DROP-IN CENTER IN IRWINDALE. I
2 VISITED IT PRIOR TO MY YEARS WHEN I WAS BACK IN THE CONGRESS.
3 I WAS GLAD TO BE ABLE TO COME BACK AND SEE THAT IT WAS
4 THRIVING. AND THE FACT THAT IT WAS WORKING CLOSELY WITH OUR
5 PROBATION DEPARTMENT, BUT ALSO IT STILL PROVIDED A SAFE HAVEN
6 FOR YOUNG ADOLESCENT, TROUBLED YOUTH AND ALSO RUNAWAYS. THEY
7 COULD RECEIVE A MEAL. THEY COULD BATHE. THEY COULD ALSO MEET
8 WITH THEIR PROBATION OFFICERS AND ALSO MEET WITH COUNSELORS
9 AND RECEIVE CASE MANAGEMENT. I AM MOVED BY WHAT I SAW THERE,
10 BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY ABOUT ALL THE OTHER POTENTIAL COMMUNITY-
11 BASED ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS IN
12 SOME WAYS AND ALSO OTHERS THAT ARE CLEARLY JUST DOING THE
13 RIGHT WORK OUT IN OUR COMMUNITIES. WE EVIDENTLY NEED TO HAVE
14 MORE OF THIS COLLABORATION AS WE PUSH OUT OUR DIVERSION
15 PROGRAMS, PARTICULARLY WITH OUR YOUTH AND TRANSITIONAL YOUTH
16 AND L.G.B.T. YOUTH, ESPECIALLY YOUNG IMMIGRANT YOUTH THAT ARE
17 FINDING IT VERY, VERY HARD TO FIND SAFE HAVENS AT THIS TIME. I
18 WANT TO RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR KUEHL ON THIS MATTER. SUPERVISOR
19 KUEHL?

20

21 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. I THINK IT'S VERY
22 INTERESTING. WE REALLY DIDN'T PAY A LOT OF ATTENTION TO THIS
23 AGE GROUP IN OUR FOSTER KIDS BECAUSE PRIOR TO CHANGE IN
24 FEDERAL LAW, ESSENTIALLY WE HAD NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEM
25 AFTER THEY WERE 18. AND WITH THE EXTENSION INTO THEIR 20S,

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1 IT'S REALLY CREATED A LOT OF OPPORTUNITIES THAT I THINK ARE
2 IMPORTANT FOR US TO TAKE BUT ALSO A NUMBER OF NEW ISSUES. IT'S
3 PRIMARILY, WE'RE FINDING, IN TRANSITION THAT WE FIND PEOPLE
4 FALLING INTO HOMELESSNESS, AND THESE YOUNG PEOPLE
5 TRANSITIONING FROM FOSTER CARE INTO THEIR VERY YOUNG ADULT
6 LIVES WITH NO FAMILY, WITH NO PARENTS, WITH NONE OF THE USUAL
7 BACKUP, IT REALLY FALLS US TO US TO PAY A LOT OF ATTENTION TO
8 T.A.Y., AS WE'RE CALLING THEM, TRANSITIONAL-AGE YOUTH. SO THIS
9 IS VERY APPROPRIATE. I'M HAPPY TO JOIN WITH YOU TO MAKE
10 CERTAIN THAT SOME ATTENTION IS PAID. WE KNOW THAT THESE FUNDS
11 ARE FOR THIS YEAR ONLY. AND WE WILL HAVE A REPORT IN FEBRUARY
12 ABOUT OUR ENTIRE HOMELESS POPULATION WITH ATTENTION PAID TO
13 OUR VARIOUS COMMUNITIES AND ASPECTS OF THE HOMELESS. AND I
14 KNOW WE WILL PAY ATTENTION TO THESE YOUNG PEOPLE, AS WELL.

15

16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL.
17 SUPERVISOR KNABE?

18

19 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH, OBVIOUSLY THIS IS A VERY CRITICAL AGE. AND
20 THE COUNTY HAS DONE AN ADEQUATE JOB, BUT WE NEED TO DO MORE. I
21 HAVE NUMEROUS FACILITIES IN MY DISTRICT FOR TRANSITIONAL-AGE
22 YOUTH. HOUSING IS ALWAYS A VERY SIGNIFICANT ISSUE. WE HAVE THE
23 L.G.B.T. DROP-IN CENTER IN LONG BEACH AND SOME OTHER
24 FACILITIES, BUT I STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS MOTION. THIS IS A
25 VERY-- YOU KNOW, ALL OF A SUDDEN YOU CAN PUT THIS IN

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1 PERSPECTIVE. MANY OF THESE YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE BEEN IN OUR
2 SYSTEM FROM A VERY EARLY AGE. THEN ALL OF A SUDDEN AT 18 YEARS
3 OLD, THEY SAY, "OH, BY THE WAY, YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN." AND SO
4 IT'S A VERY DIFFICULT MENTAL TRANSITION AS WELL AS PHYSICAL
5 TRANSITION AS WELL AS FINDING THEM THE RIGHT SITUATION TO PUT
6 THEM IN. SO I STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS MOTION AND WE NEED TO DO
7 AS MUCH AS WE CAN. IT'S A HUGE POPULATION FOR US, VERY BIG.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE DO HAVE ONE PUBLIC
10 SPEAKER, ARNOLD SACHS. OH, EXCUSE ME. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
11 THOMAS.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAME CHAIR, LET ME ACKNOWLEDGE THE
14 LEADERSHIP THAT IS BEING DISPLAYED HERE, WHICH FOCUSES AND
15 REINFORCES YET AGAIN THIS BOARD'S COMMITMENT TO THIS
16 POPULATION, A POPULATION THAT DESERVES, THAT IS, WARRANTS OUR
17 ATTENTION IN VERY UNIQUE AND SPECIFIC WAYS. THIS, THEN, IS
18 SUCH AN EXAMPLE. AND GIVEN THE CRISIS THAT ENVELOPS THEIR
19 LIVES ON A REGULAR BASIS, IT'S ONLY ACCENTED BY THE
20 CIRCUMSTANCES CALLED OUT IN THE MOTION. WHEN WE MAKE OUR WAY
21 TO ITEM R-1, IT WILL ALSO REINFORCE THAT WHICH IS BEING RAISED
22 IN 60-A, MADAME CHAIR. BUT THE MESSAGE FOR US IS TO AS DEEPLY,
23 AS EFFECTIVELY DEAL WITH THE ISSUE OF HOMELESSNESS ACROSS-THE-
24 BOARD, THIS, THEN, IS A CONCRETE EXAMPLE OF A POPULATION OF
25 HOMELESS YOUNGSTERS THAT WARRANTS-- THEY WARRANT OUR ATTENTION

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1 AND I'M PLEASED TO BE SUPPORTIVE. THIS IS THE RIGHT THING.
2 THIS IS HOW WE TACKLE HOMELESSNESS. I THANK BOTH OF THE MAKERS
3 OF THE MOTION FOR BRINGING IT FORWARD. IT'S IMPORTANT AND WILL
4 THEN RESTORE THE LEVEL OF CREDIBILITY WE NEED TO HAVE IN
5 DEALING WITH OUR FIGHT AGAINST HOMELESSNESS. THANK YOU, MADAME
6 CHAIR.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OUR WITNESS?

9

10 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING. ARNOLD SACHS. YOU
11 MENTIONED THE-- SUPERVISOR KUEHL, YOU MENTIONED A CHANGE IN
12 FEDERAL LAW. WHEN DID THE FEDERAL LAW CHANGE THAT PUT THESE
13 YOUNG ADULTS UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE BOARD? HAVING BEEN HERE
14 A FEW TIMES, I'M JUST THINKING, YOU KNOW WAY BACK BEFORE YOU
15 DO THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION, WE HEARD A REPORT ABOUT YOU HAD
16 753 RECOMMENDATIONS THAT YOU HAD TO SIFT THROUGH PREVIOUS
17 BOARD MEMBERS. AND I'M THINKING THAT NONE OF THOSE
18 RECOMMENDATIONS WERE SIFTED. MAYBE ADDITIONAL CARE WORKERS.
19 MAYBE ADDRESSING THE IDEA THAT SINCE YOU WERE GOING TO RELEASE
20 THESE YOUTH-- AND YOU'RE MENTIONING CHILDREN IN THE FOSTER
21 CARE PIPELINE, THAT YOU'RE GOING TO RELEASE THESE CHILDREN
22 WHEN THEY TURNED 18, MAYBE PROGRAMS THAT WOULD SHOW THEM THE
23 CHALLENGES THAT WHEN THEY BECAME YOUNG ADULTS, THAT THIS IS
24 WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN BECAUSE YOU ARE NO LONGER GOING TO HAVE
25 THAT SAFETY NET. AND HOUSING? WELL HOUSING IS AN ISSUE.

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1 HOUSING IS AN ISSUE ALL OVER THE COUNTY. AND SPEAKING ALL OVER
2 THE COUNTY, THIS IS LOS ANGELES, GLENDALE, PASADENA AND LONG
3 BEACH COMMUNITIES. SO THAT'S 4 FROM 88, LEAVES 84 OTHER
4 COMMUNITIES IN THE COUNTY. HOW DOES THAT WORK OUT FOR THE
5 OTHER COMMUNITIES? YOU READ SOME OF THE STORIES IN THE L.A.
6 TIMES ABOUT THE HOMELESS ENCAMPMENTS IN THE VALLEY, AND THE
7 HOMELESS ENCAMPMENTS ALONG THE L.A. RIVER AND THE DIFFERENT
8 PARAMETERS. HOW DO YOU ADDRESS THAT WITH THIS \$5 MILLION? IS
9 IT A THOUSAND YOUTHS? \$5,000 PER YOUTH? THERE'S JUST SO MUCH.
10 THIS IS CONCERNED POLICYMAKERS VERSUS CONCERNED CITIZEN AND
11 POLICYMAKERS. BE ARE CONCERNED CITIZENS FIRST.

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MEMBERS. THIS ITEM IS BEFORE US. IT'S
14 BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED. NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. MEMBERS, AT
15 THIS TIME I'D LIKE TO TAKE UP ITEM 1-D AND ITEM 6. THOSE WHO
16 WISH TO ADDRESS THESE ITEMS WILL BE GIVEN A SET TIME TO
17 ADDRESS THE ITEMS TOGETHER. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAME CHAIR. THIS
20 ITEM IS ONE THAT ADDRESSES THE MATTER OF BIOSCIENCE INNOVATION
21 HUBS AND ACADEMIC PARTNERSHIPS, AND I THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-
22 AUTHORSHIP OF THE MOTION. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN ON NOVEMBER THE
23 10TH OF THIS YEAR THAT THE BOARD APPROVED A SELECTION OF A
24 BIOSCIENCE CONSULTANT TEAM LED BY L.A. E.D.C. THIS CONSULTANT
25 TEAM IS CHARGED WITH DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING A PLAN THAT

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1 IS ESSENTIALLY A ROAD MAP FOR BIOSCIENCE INDUSTRY SECTOR
2 MASTER PLAN. THAT STUDY WAS PUT FORTH AND FUNDED BY BATTELLE.
3 A KEY COMPONENT OF THE CONSULTANT TEAM'S WORK WILL BE
4 EVALUATING THE POTENTIAL FOR COUNTY REAL PROPERTY ASSETS,
5 ESPECIALLY COUNTY PROPERTY ON OR NEAR COUNTY MEDICAL CAMPUSES.
6 WE'RE GROWING THE BIOSCIENCE INDUSTRY IN THE REGION. MADAME
7 CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, WE HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THIS
8 ISSUE SINCE 2011. THE RECORD WILL REFLECT THAT WAS THE FIRST
9 MOTION THAT CAME FORWARD TO LOOK AT THIS REGION-WIDE, SO WE
10 ARE MAKING INTERESTING PROGRESS AND HAVE LEARNED QUITE A LOT
11 THROUGH THE NUMBER OF MOTIONS AS WELL AS THE NUMBER OF STUDIES
12 THAT HAVE BEEN DONE. THE MOTION IN EFFECT DIRECTS THE CHIEF
13 EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO BEGIN THE PROCESS OF ASSEMBLING RELEVANT
14 INFORMATION ON SUCH PROPERTIES THAT CAN BE SHARED WITH THE
15 CONSULTANT TEAM. THIS IS NECESSARY FOR THE CONSULTANT TEAM TO
16 EFFECTIVELY EVALUATE THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING
17 BIOSCIENCE HUBS AS RECOMMENDED BY BATTELLE. NOW THIS BATTELLE
18 STUDY WAS WIDELY HAILED. IT HAD IMPLICATIONS THAT WERE SMALL
19 RIPPLES, AND MORE, THROUGHOUT THE BIOINDUSTRY SECTORS BECAUSE
20 THEY SENSED WHAT A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP COULD BE. IN
21 OTHER WORDS, THERE IS A FEELING, MORE THAN A FEELING, A
22 CONCLUSION THAT'S BEING DRAWN BY THOSE WITHIN THIS PARTICULAR
23 SECTOR OF OUR ECONOMY THAT WHAT SAN FRANCISCO HAS DONE, WHAT
24 SAN DIEGO HAS DONE, WHAT BOSTON HAS DONE SHOULDN'T SO
25 SIGNIFICANTLY OUTSTRIP WHAT LOS ANGELES HAS DONE OR CAN DO. IN

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1 OTHER WORDS, WE KNOW THAT THESE ARE REAL JOBS, AT A VARIETY OF
2 LEVELS THAT CAN IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THE RESIDENTS
3 OF THIS COUNTY AND BEYOND. IT IS THE UNIQUE FEATURE AND
4 CAPACITY THAT CAN BE EVIDENCED THROUGHOUT OUR COUNTY IN TERMS
5 OF THESE, SOME OF WHICH WILL OBVIOUSLY BE CONNECTED TO OUR
6 CAMPUSES, SOME OF WHICH WILL NOT. THE MOTION DIRECTS THE
7 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION TO INITIATE COMMUNITY
8 OUTREACH PROCESS TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE COUNTY'S
9 BIOSCIENCE INITIATIVE. THAT IS, THE COMMUNITY OUTREACH
10 COMPONENT HAS TO BE UNDERSTOOD AS CRITICAL TO MAKING SURE THAT
11 THE HUBS ARE DESIGNED TO PROVIDE MAXIMUM ACHIEVABLE BENEFITS
12 FOR THE NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES. IF THERE'S NOT A POSITIVE
13 IMPACT ON THE COMMUNITIES OF WHICH THESE HUBS CAN BE A PART OR
14 ADJACENT TO, THEN IT LESSENS THE REASON FOR OUR BEING
15 INTERESTED IN THEM. IT'S ANTICIPATED THAT THE DEVELOPMENT OF
16 BIOSCIENCE HUBS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY WILL DEPEND LARGELY ON
17 THE PARTICIPATION OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND IN PARTNERSHIP
18 WITH ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS, COUNTY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS,
19 GRADUATE, AND YOU'LL WANT TO KNOW THIS BECAUSE IT'S NOT THE
20 HUB BUT THE NUB OF THE MATTER. MORE THAN 5,000 IN THE SCIENCE
21 AND ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY SECTORS, FAR MORE THAN OTHER
22 CITIES KNOWN FOR THEIR BIOSCIENCE PROWESS. IN OTHER WORDS,
23 WHEN WE THINK ABOUT SAN DIEGO TO OUR SOUTH AND SAN FRANCISCO
24 TO OUR NORTH , THEY DON'T GRADUATE NEARLY AS MANY PERSONS WHO
25 HAVE SUCH COMPETENCIES. HOWEVER, L.A. COUNTY INSTITUTIONS ARE

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1 NOT TAKING FULL ADVANTAGE OF THEM. IN OTHER WORDS, THESE NEW
2 GRADUATES, THESE NEW MINTED SCIENTISTS, RESEARCHERS AND
3 ENGINEERS GO ELSEWHERE. AND WE OUGHT TO BE KEEPING THEM HERE,
4 GROWING BUSINESSES AND MAKING IMPORTANT THINGS HAPPEN FOR OUR
5 OWN REASON AND OUR OWN COMMUNITIES AND OUR OWN NEIGHBORHOODS.
6 SO THE GOAL IS TO REVERSE THIS TREND AND TO MAKE L.A. COUNTY
7 SYNONYMOUS WITH BEING A BIOSCIENCE WORLD LEADER. NOTHING SHORT
8 OF THAT. AND WE HAVE THE CAPACITY TO DO IT. WE HAVE MAJOR
9 UNIVERSITIES, ACADEMIC CENTERS, RESEARCH CENTERS IN VARIOUS
10 SECTORS OF THIS COUNTY, LARGE AND SMALL. AND WE SHOULD TAKE
11 FULL ADVANTAGE OF THOSE BENEFITS. SO, I THINK WHAT YOU WILL
12 SEE IS ULTIMATELY, PURSUANT TO THIS, A MORE DIVERSIFIED AND
13 RESILIENT LOCAL ECONOMY. THIS IS THE ONLY INDUSTRY SECTOR THAT
14 DEFIED THE DOWNTURN IN THE ECONOMY. IN OTHER WORDS, THERE WAS
15 GROWTH IN THE BIOSCIENCES INDUSTRY WHEN EVERYTHING ELSE WAS
16 ESSENTIALLY COLLAPSING. THIS IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE BECAUSE IT
17 REGISTERS THE LEVEL OF POTENTIAL HERE, REAL POTENTIAL. HIGH
18 INCOME EARNING POTENTIAL, TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FROM THE
19 COMMUNITY COLLEGE LEVEL TO THE UNDERGRADUATE LEVEL AND BEYOND,
20 THE START OF BUSINESSES ACROSS-THE-BOARD. I WAS IN THE FIFTH
21 DISTRICT A FEW WEEKS AGO WITH THE BIOSCIENCE TASKFORCE THAT
22 THE BOARD APPROVED OPERATING IN THE CONTEXT OF L.A. E.D.C. AND
23 APPROXIMATELY 800 EMPLOYEES IN VALENCIA, AND THAT WORKFORCE
24 WAS VERY, VERY IMPRESSIVE. FULLY DIVERSE. AGE, GENDER
25 ETHNICITY, FULLY DIVERSE, AND THAT'S WHAT WE NEED TO SEE

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1 HAPPEN. AND THESE PEOPLE WERE COMMANDING GOOD SALARIES AND
2 CONTRIBUTING NOT JUST TO THE SCIENCE BUT ULTIMATELY TO BETTER
3 HEALTHCARE, BETTER MEDICINE AND THE LIKE. AND THAT'S
4 ESSENTIALLY WHAT WE WANT TO SEE HAPPEN. AND I WOULD TRUST,
5 THEN, THAT THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE MOTION BY BOTH SUPERVISOR
6 SOLIS AND MYSELF AS WE SEEK TO MOVE THIS EFFORT FORWARD. THANK
7 YOU, MADAME CHAIR.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.
10 I JUST WOULD LIKE TO ALSO SAY HOW IMPORTANT THIS SEGMENT, THIS
11 REGIONAL SEGMENT OF OUR COMMUNITY, THE POTENTIAL THAT IT HAS
12 IN TERMS OF ECONOMIC EXPANSION AND GROWTH. CLEARLY THIS IS AN
13 AREA, BECAUSE IT TOUCHES ON SO MANY ASPECTS OF SCIENCE,
14 TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATH, THAT IS A GROWING AREA. AND
15 WE KNOW THAT WE HAVE SOME VERY FINE INSTITUTIONS THAT I KNOW
16 IN MY DISTRICT BY U.S.C. MED CENTER AND U.S.C. CAMPUS PLACED
17 THERE AND THE BENEFITS THAT HAS PROVIDED OVER THE MANY DECADES
18 TO THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITY. AND I'M VERY HAPPY TO HAVE
19 WORKED ALONGSIDE WITH SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND WITH OUR
20 STAKEHOLDERS, SOME OF WHOM WE'RE GOING TO HEAR FROM, TO TALK
21 ABOUT COMMUNITY BENEFITS. BECAUSE, IN FACT, I THINK WE'RE
22 LOOKING AT THIS PARADIGM IN A VERY DIFFERENT WAY. WE'RE
23 LOOKING AT HOW WE CAN EXTRACT MORE RESOURCES FOR THE
24 TAXPAYERS, THE RESIDENTS, THE INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE GOING TO BE
25 LIVING, THAT LIVE THERE NOW IN THE SURROUNDING AREA. SO, YES,

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1 IT'S ABOUT JOB GROWTH. YES, IT'S ABOUT FURTHERING EDUCATION.
2 AND, YES, IT'S ALSO ABOUT LIFTING SOME BOATS. BECAUSE IN THAT
3 PARTICULAR REGION, WHEN I'M TALKING ABOUT MY DISTRICT, WE HAVE
4 ONE OF THE HIGHEST RATES OF POVERTY. L.A. UNIFIED SURROUNDS
5 THE AREA. THERE'S A MAGNET SCHOOL THERE LOCATED ON ANOTHER
6 CAMPUS, CAL STATE L.A. BUT MANY OF THOSE STUDENTS LIVE RIGHT,
7 2-1/2 BLOCKS BELOW IN THE PROJECTS. MANY OF THEM HAVE NEVER
8 STEPPED FOOT ON A COLLEGE CAMPUS. BUT HERE'S AN OPPORTUNITY
9 FOR US NOW TO BREAK THAT DIVIDE AND BREAK THAT CEILING THAT'S
10 THERE THAT SOMEHOW MAY HAVE IN THE PAST NOT HAVE BEEN AS
11 WELCOMING BUT SAYS: HERE IS A WAY TO IMPROVE OUR ECONOMIC
12 WELL-BEING, OUR COMMUNITY, AND HAVE PEOPLE THRIVE. AND IT'S
13 ABOUT CREATING A SENSE OF COMMUNITY ON THE CAMPUS, AT THE
14 U.S.C., FOR EXAMPLE, MEDICAL FACILITY WHERE WE COULD HAVE
15 PUBLIC BENEFITS, COMMUNITY CENTERS, WHERE WE CAN HAVE FACULTY
16 THAT WILL ACTUALLY BE ABLE TO ENTER INTO SOME OF OUR PERHAPS
17 LOCAL HIGH SCHOOLS, COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND CAL STATE SYSTEM,
18 AS WELL. BECAUSE I FEEL AS THOUGH JUST LIKE ANYTHING ELSE, AND
19 WE ALWAYS SAY THIS. SILOS. THERE ARE SILOS. AND WHILE WE
20 SHOULD BE LOOKING AT THIS IN TERMS OF AN OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR
21 REGION. AND THANKS ABOUT HOW WE CAN SET AN EXAMPLE JUST AS
22 VENICE HAS NOW BECOME A PREMIER AREA, OUR SMALLER SILICON
23 VALLEY, WE CAN CREATE OUR OWN. AND AS SUPERVISOR SAYS, IT IS
24 ABOUT INCLUSIVENESS, IT IS ABOUT DIVERSITY AND MAKING SURE
25 THAT WE CAN MAKE THOSE INVESTMENTS RIGHT HERE AT HOME. AND

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1 THAT'S WHAT I'M ATTEMPTING TO DO ALONGSIDE WITH MARK RIDLEY-
2 THOMAS AND I HOPE WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ,THAT WE
3 TRULY BELIEVE IN THIS, THAT THERE IS SOMETHING TO BE SAID
4 ABOUT USING OUR COUNTY ASSETS, OUR RESOURCES AND OUR BACKBONE
5 TO CREATE-- TO CREATE AND INCENTIVIZE THOSE JOBS THAT WILL
6 ATTRACT PEOPLE FROM AS FAR AWAY AS SAN JOSE TO COME HERE, SO
7 THAT THOSE FOLKS WILL COME HERE AND PUT THEIR FLAG AND THEIR
8 STAKE UP TO CREATE BETTER JOBS AT WHATEVER LEVEL. BUT WE HAVE
9 TO CREATE PIPELINES. SO I HOPE THIS DREAM THAT WE HAVE THAT
10 SOON WILL TAKE PLACE AS IT COMES TOGETHER AND WE FIND MORE
11 PARTNERS. I AM VERY EXCITED ABOUT THIS OPPORTUNITY AND THE
12 POTENTIAL AND WHAT IT WILL MEAN AS AN INFUSION OF POTENTIAL
13 DOLLARS TO RESTART OUR ENGINE HERE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS
14 ANGELES FOR THE ENTIRE REGION. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

15

16 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. I STRONGLY SUPPORT
17 THIS. I THINK IT'S VISIONARY. WE MOVED, MY FAMILY MOVED, TO
18 CALIFORNIA SO MY DAD COULD WORK IN THE AIRCRAFT INDUSTRY. HE
19 WAS A PLANE INSPECTOR. THEY HIRE LITTLE GUYS TO CRAWL THROUGH
20 THE PLANES AND INSPECT THEM AND THAT'S HOW WE ENDED UP IN
21 CALIFORNIA. BUT IT REALLY WAS POSSIBLE TO HAVE AT LEAST A
22 WORKING CLASS IF NOT A MIDDLE CLASS LIVING. AND THESE KINDS OF
23 JOBS HAVE JUST VANISHED OVER THE COURSE OF YEARS. THIS IS VERY
24 IMPORTANT. I DO HAVE TWO CAUTIONARY ISSUES, THOUGH, THAT I'VE
25 SPOKEN ABOUT BEFORE AND WANT US TO KEEP IN MIND. IT DOESN'T

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1 INTERFERE IN ANY WAY WITH THESE TWO ITEMS. BUT REMEMBER THAT
2 WE HAVE ASKED TO HAVE A LOT OF STUDY AND WORK DONE ABOUT
3 DIVERSION, ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH AND ABOUT ALTERNATIVE
4 SENTENCING, ALL OF WHICH ARE GOING TO REQUIRE, REALLY WE ARE
5 GOING TO SEE IN A LATER REPORT THE USE OF A LOT OF FACILITIES
6 AND WE JUST DON'T HAVE THE CAPACITY. SO AS WE GO ALONG, WE'RE
7 LOOKING AT COMMUNITY BENEFIT, LOOKING AT INPUT FROM THE
8 COMMUNITIES. AND I KNOW IN YOUR GREEN SHEET AMENDMENT TO, I
9 THINK ITEM 6, YOU ASKED TO LOOK AT POTENTIAL OTHER USES FOR
10 SOME OF THE PROPERTIES AROUND S.C. AND I THINK AS WE GO ALONG,
11 IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO LOOK AT KIND OF THE BALANCE OF WHAT
12 WE DO WITH OUR COUNTY PROPERTY. BECAUSE IF WE'RE GIVING IT TO
13 SOMEONE TO ENCOURAGE THE GROWTH OF AN INDUSTRY OR TWO, THAT'S
14 APPROPRIATE. NO QUESTION. BUT IF WE'RE ALSO NEEDING TO USE
15 SOME OF IT, ESPECIALLY ON OUR HEALTHCARE CAMPUSES TO AUGMENT
16 SOME OF OUR HEALTH SERVICES, THAT'S IMPORTANT, TOO. THE SECOND
17 THING IS I BROUGHT THIS UP BEFORE. IT'S NOT RELEVANT TODAY,
18 BUT TO COUNTY COUNSEL AND C.E.O., AS WE LOOK AT THESE ISSUES
19 AND COME TO AN AREA WHERE WE'RE GOING TO BEGIN ENTERING INTO
20 CONTRACT WITH SOME OF THESE BUSINESSES, I WANT TO MAKE CERTAIN
21 THAT WE CONTINUE TO LOOK AT WHAT THE COUNTY GETS BACK, BECAUSE
22 SO MANY TIMES FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, STATE GOVERNMENT HAS SAID,
23 "HERE, WE'RE GIVING YOU RESEARCH DOLLARS, WE'RE GIVING YOU
24 PROPERTY, OH, BUT NEVER MIND THAT YOU MADE A KABILLION DOLLARS
25 OFF OF ADVIL. WE DON'T WANT ANY OF YOUR MONEY." WELL I DO. SO

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1 I WANT US TO PAY ATTENTION TO WHAT THE COUNTY CAN BENEFIT ALSO
2 AS A COUNTY, NOT ONLY THE INDIVIDUALS AND THE JOBS THAT WE CAN
3 ATTRACT. BUT AS I SAID, I STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS AND THANK YOU
4 FOR BRINGING IT.

5

6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. IF I MAY--

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAME CHAIR, PERHAPS THE STAFF CAN
9 ADDRESS THE LAST POINT THAT SUPERVISOR KUEHL MADE IN THE
10 PROPER TIMEFRAME BECAUSE THIS IS ABOUT A PARTNERSHIP. THE
11 PARTNERSHIP IN MY MIND MEANS THAT NOT ONE PARTNER BENEFITS AND
12 THE OTHER DOESN'T. MADAME CHAIR?

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE HAVE SUPERVISOR KNABE AND
15 ANTONOVICH. KNABE?

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** I WOULD OBVIOUSLY ENCOURAGE THEM. I MEAN, PART OF
18 THE REASON THAT WE ARE AT THIS POINT IS BECAUSE WE'VE BEEN A
19 DISCOURAGER AT CERTAIN AMOUNTS OF TIME IN ACCESSING THESE
20 KINDS OF JOBS AND THIS KIND OF RESEARCH. THIS MOTION I
21 STRONGLY SUPPORT IS VERY SITE-SPECIFIC, BUT I KNOW MARK AND I
22 HAVE BEEN VERY INVOLVED IN THE HARBOR U.C.L.A. AND L.A.
23 BIOMED. WE HAVE A LOT GOING ON THAT COULD BE EMBELLISHED
24 SHOULD WE TRY TO ATTRACT AND DO OTHER THINGS AS SUPERVISOR
25 KUEHL MENTIONED. WE HAVE RANCHO SOUTH CAMPUS AS OTHER

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1 OPPORTUNITIES THAT ARE TOTALLY DIFFERENT BIOSCIENCE KIND OF A
2 SITUATION. SO HOPEFULLY I, IN TALKING TO MARK, THIS INCLUDES
3 ALL THOSE AREAS NOT JUST--

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5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IT DOES.

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7 **SUP. KNABE:** YES. BUT IT'S A GREAT MOTION.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** I'D ALSO LIKE TO SAY THIS IS
12 POSITIVE. IT'S A STEP FORWARD. IT'S VISIONARY. IT'S THE
13 FUTURE. AND IT'S PROVIDING FUTURISTIC JOBS AND VOCATIONS FOR
14 OUR STUDENTS AND MOTIVATING THEM. BECAUSE I TAUGHT HIGH SCHOOL
15 IN EL CERRITO AND I KNOW THE VALUE AND IMPORTANCE WITH THE
16 MEDICAL FACILITIES THERE, BOTH U.S.C. AND THE COUNTY HOSPITAL.
17 WE'VE HAD THE KIDS FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL WHO WERE CANDY
18 STRIPERS IN THE HOSPITALS. BUT THIS IS VERY POSITIVE AND A
19 STEP FORWARD.

20

21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR
22 ANTONOVICH. WE'LL HEAR FROM THE DEPARTMENT.

23

24 **SEAN ROGAN:** THANK YOU, CHAIR. THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS. NOW TO
25 ANSWER SUPERVISOR KUEHL'S QUESTION, YOU KNOW, AS WE HAD STATED

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1 IN PRIOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MOTIONS THAT HAVE COME BEFORE
2 YOUR BOARD, THIS IS A CONSIDERATION THAT WE WILL BE INCLUDING
3 AS WE LOOK TO DEVELOP THIS BIOSCIENCE STRATEGY GOING FORWARD.
4 AND AS PART OF THIS ANALYSIS, OF COURSE, WE'LL LOOK AT THAT
5 ADAPTIVE REUSE OF THIS AT THE M.L.K. SITE. AND THAT WOULD ALSO
6 BE INCLUDED, AS WELL.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** DID THAT ANSWER YOUR QUESTION
9 SOMEWHAT? OKAY.

10

11 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I THINK IT OBVIOUSLY WILL BE ANSWERED AS WE
12 GO ALONG. I'M NOT INDICATING THAT I WANT ANY OF THE PROPERTIES
13 NOT TO BE USED IF POSSIBLE FOR OUR BIOSCIENCE DEVELOPMENT, BUT
14 SIMPLY THAT WE ASK A LOT, REALLY, OF THE COUNTY. AND WE'RE
15 ASKING A LOT THESE DAYS TO BUILD OUT ALL OUR SERVICES FOR
16 DIVERSION AND ALTERNATIVE SENTENCING, FOR MENTAL HEALTH FOR
17 ALL OF OUR FOLKS. I'D LIKE US TO LOOK AT THIS. I THINK IN THE
18 SPIRIT OF THE GREEN SHEET ADDITION WANTED TO DO THAT. THE
19 OTHER THING REALLY GOES DOWN THE LINE TO WHAT THESE CONTRACTS
20 ARE GOING TO SAY.

21

22 **SEAN ROGAN:** RIGHT. CERTAINLY. THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

25

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THERE OUGHT TO BE AN UPSIDE. AS THE MAKER
2 OF THIS MOTION, THERE HAS TO BE AN UPSIDE FOR THE COUNTY OF
3 LOS ANGELES AN CORPORATE ENTITY AS WELL AS FOR THE RESIDENTS
4 OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. THERE'S NO WAY TO TALK ABOUT A
5 PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP WHERE ONLY ONE ENTITY IS GIVING AND
6 THE OTHER ENTITY IS RECEIVING. I AM CONFIDENT THAT YOU
7 UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS ABOUT CREATIVE ENTREPRENEURSHIP,
8 PRUDENTLY, INTELLIGENTLY, TRANSPARENTLY DONE. AND THERE IS NO
9 WAY THAT WE CAN BE PARTY TO A GIFT OF PUBLIC FUNDS, WHICH IN
10 EFFECT MEANS THAT WE HAVE TO GET OUR HONEST FAIR SHARE OF
11 WHATEVER INVESTMENT THAT WE MAKE. AND THE LEVERAGING OF OUR
12 ASSETS, WHATEVER THOSE ASSETS ARE, REAL ESTATE AND/OR
13 INTELLECTUAL, IT WOULD SEEM TO ME TO BE VERY, VERY PROMISING
14 FOR WHAT COULD HAPPEN WITH OUR CAMPUSES, WHETHER IT BE
15 U.C.L.A., WHETHER IT BE U.S.C., WHETHER IT BE C.D.U., CAL
16 STATE L.A., EAST L.A. COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND OTHERS. EVERYBODY
17 GETS THAT IN ORDER TO GET SOMETHING, YOU HAVE TO GIVE
18 SOMETHING. AND OUR REQUESTS, OUR DIRECTIVES TO STAFF WOULD BE
19 TO BRING US SOMETHING BACK THAT SPEAKS PRECISELY TO THE
20 BENEFITS, BROADLY DEFINED, THAT CAN BE REALIZED AND/OR
21 APPRECIATED FROM WHAT I THINK AS HAS BEEN INDICATED BY ALL
22 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD A VERY, VERY EXCITING PROSPECT. THIS IS A
23 BIT OUT OF THE BOX FOR THE WAY THE PUBLIC SECTOR MAY BEHAVE.
24 BUT NO ONE WILL FORGET THE FACT THAT WE TOOK A BIG STEP
25 FORWARD TO INSPIRE THIS KIND OF ADVANCE IN SCIENTIFIC MEDICINE

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1 AND RESEARCH THAT WILL BLESS THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE PEOPLE
2 FOR WHOM WE ARE CONCERNED, NAMELY THE PATIENTS OF L.A. COUNTY.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. VERY GOOD. WE ARE GOING TO
5 CALL UP WITNESSES RIGHT NOW AT THIS TIME. IF I COULD CALL UP
6 DAVID CARLISLE. LAURA CANTU. PETER HONG. DAVID GALAVIZ AND
7 CECELIA ESTOLANO. GOOD MORNING, WELCOME. YOU'RE ON.

8

9 **DAVID CARLISLE:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS AND THANK YOU FOR
10 THIS OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE TESTIMONY TO YOU ON THIS
11 INITIATIVE. I AM DR. DAVID CARLISLE, PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. OF
12 CHARLES R. DREW UNIVERSITY OF MEDICINE AND SCIENCE IN THE
13 WATTS- WILLOWBROOK AREA OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THIS IS INDEED
14 A VERY EXCITING TIME IN THE BIOMEDICINE, BIOTECHNOLOGY REALM,
15 PARTICULARLY FOR LOS ANGELES. FROM A BIG PICTURE STANDPOINT,
16 TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES IN MEDICINE ARE LIKELY TO TRANSFORM
17 HEALTHCARE, HEALTHCARE OUTCOMES AND HEALTH IN GENERAL IN THE
18 COMING DECADES. A MAJOR CHALLENGE IS ENSURING THAT ALL PERSONS
19 AND COMMUNITIES SHARE IN THESE BENEFITS. THAT SAID, LOS
20 ANGELES COUNTY HAS SEVERAL OUTSTANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR
21 BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE DEVELOPMENT HUBS. ONE OF THESE IS ALONG THE
22 INTERSTATE 105 CORRIDOR, SOMEWHAT ANALOGOUS TO THE ROUTE 128
23 CORRIDOR OUTSIDE OF BOSTON. BEGINNING WITH THE COASTAL
24 HYPERION WATER TREATMENT CENTER, EXTENDING THROUGH LAX,
25 INCLUDING L.A.'S AEROSPACE INDUSTRY, HAWTHORNE AIRPORT, HOME

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1 OF SPACE X AND TESLA, L.A. SOUTHWEST COLLEGE AND CULMINATING
2 IN THE M.L.K. C.U. CAMPUS, THE 105 CORRIDOR IS ALREADY A MAJOR
3 TECHNOLOGY HUB. ALL THESE ELEMENTS ARE WITHIN A 10-MINUTE
4 DRIVE OF LAX, PROVIDING ENTREE TO ALL OF THE PACIFIC BASIN AND
5 BEYOND. THIS CORRIDOR, THEN EXTENDS INTO THE HEART OF ONE OF
6 L.A.'S AND INDEED AMERICA'S MOST DIVERSE AND ECONOMICALLY
7 CHALLENGED COMMUNITIES, CREATING REAL POTENTIAL FOR A WIN/WIN
8 SYNERGISTIC SITUATION VIA ECONOMIC UNEMPLOYMENT GROWTH FROM
9 THE DEVELOPMENT OF BIOTECHNOLOGY AND BIOMEDICINE. CHARLES R.
10 DREW UNIVERSITY OF MEDICINE AND SCIENCE IS AN EXISTING
11 M.S.T.E.M. CENTER AND RESEARCH INSTITUTION HAVING RECEIVED
12 OVER \$500 MILLION IN FEDERAL FUNDING SINCE 1995 FROM 750
13 APPLICATIONS. OUR WORK FOCUSES ON CANCER, H.I.V./A.I.D.S.,
14 METABOLIC SYNDROME, AND WE HAVE A RESEARCH ENDOWMENT OF OVER
15 \$80 MILLION. HALF OUR BUDGET IS FOCUSED ON RESEARCH. IN
16 CONCLUSION, I AGREE THAT THE L.A. COUNTY M.L.K. OUTPATIENT
17 CENTER COMBINED WITH THE M.L.K. COMMUNITY HOSPITAL AND C.D.U.
18 IS A MAJOR OPPORTUNITY FOR A RESEARCH HUB IN THE BIOMEDICAL
19 SCIENCES. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO TESTIFY BEFORE YOU.

20
21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT WITNESS,
22 PLEASE.

23
24 **LAURA CANTU:** GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY
25 OF LOS ANGELES. MY NAME IS DR. LAURA CANTU AND I'M HERE ON

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1 BEHALF OF PRESIDENT MARVIN MARTINEZ FROM EAST LOS ANGELES
2 COLLEGE HERE IN SUPPORT OF THE MOTION AND SUPPORTING
3 BIOSCIENCE RESEARCH WITHIN THE AREA. WE SHOW OUR COMMITMENT BY
4 CONTINUING TO INCREASE OUR S.T.E.M. PROGRAMS. WE HAVE
5 DEDICATED A NEW ADMINISTRATOR OVER OUR S.T.E.M. PROGRAMS. WE
6 WILL BE OPENING UP OUR NEW MATH AND SCIENCE COMPLEX WITH
7 STATE-OF-THE-ART LABS FOR OUR STUDENTS. WE HAVE A COMMITMENT
8 IN CREATING NEW BIOTECH TRAINING PROGRAMS TO SUPPORT THE
9 INDUSTRY THAT'S MOVING IN, BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, CONTINUING
10 THE COMMITMENT OF TRAINING OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO BE
11 PREPARED TO STEP INTO EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES THAT WILL BE
12 CREATED BECAUSE OF BIOSCIENCE INDUSTRY MOVING INTO THE AREA.
13 WE'RE ALSO SHOWING OUR COMMITMENT BY CREATING INTERNSHIPS FOR
14 OUR STUDENTS AT COMMUNITY COLLEGE THAT WILL BE ABLE TO GET
15 SKILLS WITHIN BIOSCIENCE RESEARCH SO THAT THEY'RE ABLE TO STEP
16 INTO THESE OPPORTUNITIES AS WELL AS EXTENDING THESE
17 INTERNSHIPS TO OUR HIGH SCHOOLS. CURRENTLY WE'RE OFFERING
18 PROGRAMS TO BOTH OUR MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO CREATE
19 AN AWARENESS OF S.T.E.M. PROGRAMS, WHETHER IT'S FROM ROBOTICS
20 TO DIFFERENT SCIENCES. SO WE SHOWED OUR COMMITMENT IN
21 SUPPORTING THIS EFFORT AS WELL AS CREATING AND EXPANDING OUR
22 SUMMER BRIDGE PROGRAMS WITH OUR FOUR-YEAR UNIVERSITY PARTNERS,
23 CAL STATE L.A., CAL-POLY POMONA, AND UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN
24 CALIFORNIA AND WE SEE THIS AS A REALLY GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR
25 OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND OUR STUDENTS TO HAVE THIS TYPE OF

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1 INDUSTRY THAT'S MOVING IN. AND WE RECOGNIZE THAT IT'S NOT JUST
2 BIOSCIENCE-RELATED, BUT THERE'S GOING TO BE AN EXPANSION OF
3 INDUSTRIES THAT WILL BE MOVING IN TO SUPPORT THE GROWTH. AND
4 SO WE'D LIKE TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION.

5

6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT WITNESS?

7

8 **CECILIA ESTOLANO:** GOOD MORNING, THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR,
9 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS CECILIA
10 ESTOLANO. I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE LOS ANGELES
11 BIOSCIENCE HUB. WE WERE CREATED TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF
12 A BIOSCIENCE CORRIDOR STRETCHING FROM L.A. COUNTY U.S.C.
13 GENERAL HOSPITAL ON THE WEST, ALONG VALLEY BOULEVARD TO THE
14 EASTERN STRETCH, THAT WOULD INCLUDE OUR PARTNERS AT CAL STATE
15 LOS ANGELES AND GRIFOLS. THIS ORGANIZATION IS ENTHUSIASTICALLY
16 IN SUPPORT OF THIS FOR A NUMBER OF REASONS. FIRST OF ALL MORE
17 GENERALLY IT REALLY FRAMES UP A NEW INCLUSIVE, EQUITABLE
18 COMMUNITY SPACE APPROACH TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. IT TALKS NOT
19 JUST ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS INDUSTRY IN TERMS OF
20 CREATING JOBS AND GROWTH BUT IT ALSO TALKS ABOUT EXAMINING THE
21 POTENTIAL COMMUNITY BENEFITS AND PARTNERSHIPS AND, MAYBE MOST
22 IMPORTANTLY, DIRECTS C.D.C. TO DEVELOP A ROBUST COMMUNITY
23 ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY JUST AS THEY'RE EXPLORING HOW TO DISPOSE
24 OF COUNTY PROPERTY, HOW TO USE IT, HOW TO LEVERAGE IT. THAT IS
25 GOING TO BE AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT TO ANY SUCCESSFUL ECONOMIC

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1 DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY. SECOND, WE'RE VERY SUPPORTIVE OF IT
2 BECAUSE THIS VISION HAS ALREADY BEEN ENDORSED ALL ACROSS THE
3 COUNTRY. IT IS A WHOLE NEW WAVE OF MOVEMENT IN ECONOMIC
4 DEVELOPMENT THAT THE COUNTY IS NOW GOING TO JOIN AS A LEADER.
5 IT'S ALSO BEEN ENDORSED BROADLY BY PHILANTHROPY, BY FOLKS LIKE
6 SERTA FOUNDATION, FORD FOUNDATION, ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION AND
7 OUR OWN LOCAL FOUNDATION, THE GOLDBURST FOUNDATION HAS
8 ENDORSED THIS APPROACH BY GRANTING OUR NONPROFIT A \$100,000
9 GRANT TO DEVELOP A JOB TRAINING, WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
10 WITH OUR PARTNER AT EAST LOS ANGELES COLLEGE. IT WILL TAKE
11 S.T.E.M. STUDENTS FROM E.L.P.L.A.C., PAIR THEM UP WITH
12 BIOSCIENCE INDUSTRY LEADERS AND TEACH THEM ABOUT
13 ENTREPRENEURSHIP. I HAVE 15 SECONDS LEFT. LET ME JUST CONCLUDE
14 WITH THIS. THIS IS A GREAT MOTION. WE WANT TO WORK IN
15 PARTNERSHIP WITH YOU. THE KEY IS PARTNERSHIP, COMMUNITY
16 ENGAGEMENT, EQUITABLE, INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT. WE STAND HERE TO
17 HELP YOU IN ANY WAY WE CAN.

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. HEAR OTHER
20 WITNESSES. I'D LIKE TO CALL UP RUBEN FLORES. LLEWELLYN COX AND
21 JULIE LAPPIN. GO AHEAD.

22

23 **PETER HONG:** GOOD MORNING, CHAIR SOLIS AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD
24 OF SUPERVISORS. I'M PETER HONG, DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF AND
25 DIRECTOR OF STRATEGIC INITIATIVES AT CALIFORNIA STATE

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1 UNIVERSITY LOS ANGELES. I'M HERE TO EXPRESS OUR UNIVERSITY'S
2 ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT FOR THIS MOTION. THE LEADERSHIP OF THE
3 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IS VITAL TO THE LONG TERM ECONOMIC GROWTH
4 OF THE REGION. CAL STATE L.A. ENROLLS STUDENTS FROM ALL YOUR
5 DISTRICTS. WE SIT AT THE DYNAMIC JUNCTURE WHERE THE EAST SIDE
6 OF LOS ANGELES MEETS THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. THE AREA WAS A
7 CENTER FOR THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES THAT DROVE LOS
8 ANGELES'S ECONOMIC GROWTH IN THE SECOND HALF OF THE TWENTIETH
9 CENTURY. TO SPARK A REVIVAL OF THAT INDUSTRIAL AGE, THE BOARD
10 HAS INVESTED \$3 MILLION IN CAL STATE L.A. IN OUR BIOSCIENCES
11 INCUBATOR WHICH WILL CREATE JOBS FOR WORKERS AT ALL LEVELS.
12 THANKS TO YOUR LEADERSHIP, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ENCOURAGED
13 BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
14 RECENTLY FOLLOWED UP WITH AN ADDITIONAL \$3.2 MILLION AWARD.
15 THE PLAN LAID OUT IN YOUR MOTION TODAY ACCELERATES THIS
16 LEADERSHIP. IT WILL LAY THE FOUNDATION TO ENSURE THAT GOING
17 FORWARD, LOS ANGELES COUNTY GETS THE GREATEST RETURN ON ITS
18 PUBLIC INVESTMENTS. CAL STATE L.A., AS YOU MIGHT KNOW, IS A
19 MAJORITY LOW INCOME UNIVERSITY. MOST OF OUR STUDENTS ARE LOW
20 INCOME STUDENTS. WHAT YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW IS THAT BIOLOGY,
21 CHEMISTRY AND ENGINEERING ARE AMONG OUR STRONGEST DEPARTMENTS.
22 EACH YEAR CAL STATE L.A. GRADUATES GO ON TO THE NATION'S
23 LEADING MEDICAL SCHOOLS AND PH.D. PROGRAMS IN THOSE FIELDS,
24 INCLUDING AT EVERY UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA CAMPUS AND AT THE
25 UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. UNIVERSITIES UNDERSTAND

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1 THAT WE THRIVE NOT AS ISOLATED ENTITIES BUT AS MEMBERS OF A
2 VIBRANT ECOSYSTEM. AT CAL STATE L.A., WE LOOK FORWARD TO
3 EXPANDING MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL PROGRAMS WITH OUR NEIGHBORS AT
4 THE U.S.C. HEALTH SCIENCES CAMPUS. OUR BIOSCIENCES INCUBATOR
5 TEAM HAS ALREADY JOINTLY APPLIED FOR A FEDERAL GRANT WITH L.A.
6 BIOMED AT HARBOR U.C.L.A. NOW THE PROSPECT OF ADDITIONAL
7 BIOSCIENCES INDUSTRY INCUBATION AT THE FORMER M.L.K. HOSPITAL
8 SITE IS AN EXCITING ONE. OUR COUNTY IS GEOGRAPHICALLY VAST.
9 THE MORE CENTERS OF INNOVATION ACTIVITY WE HAVE, THE MORE
10 ROBUST OUR OVERALL ECOSYSTEM. EVERY ENTITY EXISTING IN THAT
11 ECOSYSTEM BENEFITS. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE.

14

15 **DAVID GALAVIZ:** GOOD MORNING, MADAME CHAIRWOMAN, SUPERVISORS.
16 MY NAME IS DAVID GALAVIZ. I'M HERE REPRESENTING U.S.C., OUR
17 PRESIDENT C. L. MAX NIKIAS, AND OUR SENIOR ADMINISTRATION
18 STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS MOTION. WE ALSO WOULD LIKE TO APPLAUD
19 AND THANK SUPERVISORS RIDLEY-THOMAS AND SOLIS AS WELL AS THEIR
20 STAFFS FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP AND ADVOCACY ON THIS ISSUE. WE
21 WHOLEHEARTEDLY AGREE WITH THE MOTION FOCUSED ON THE CRITICAL
22 NEED TO DEVELOP AN OUTREACH STRATEGY. OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS
23 WE HAVE BEEN THE FACILITATOR AND PARTICIPATED IN OVER 80
24 MEETINGS TO DISCUSS THESE IMPORTANT TOPIC. THESE DISCUSSIONS
25 HAVE INCLUDED OUR SISTER UNIVERSITIES, COMMUNITY COLLEGES, K-

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1 12 SCHOOLS, NONPROFITS, FOR PROFITS, COMMUNITY LEADERS ON THE
2 EAST SIDE AND EVEN COUNTY AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT LEADERS.
3 WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO CONTINUE TO WORK WITH YOU ALL ON
4 CONTINUING TO DEVELOP A BENEFICIAL OUTCOME FOR ALL PARTIES.
5 FOR OUR UNIVERSITY ENGAGING THE PUBLIC AND WORKING WITH OUR
6 PARTNERS TO DEVELOP EDUCATIONAL AND JOB TRAINING PIPELINES IS
7 CRITICAL. IN OUR VIEW, AS SUPERVISOR SOLIS SAID EARLIER, A
8 RISING TIDE WILL LIFT OUR BOATS. WE HAVE NUMEROUS K-12 SCIENCE
9 LEADER PROGRAMS AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO DISCUSSING THESE IN THE
10 FUTURE WITH YOU. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE.

13

14 **RUBEN FLORES:** HONORABLE SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS
15 ANGELES, THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THIS BODY
16 AND SUPPORT THE MOTION. MY NAME IS RUBEN DARIO FLORES-SAAIB
17 AND I'M THE VICE PRESIDENT OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT TECHNOLOGY
18 TRANSFER AT LOS ANGELES BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE AT
19 HARBOR U.C.L.A. MEDICAL CENTER IN TORRANCE. FOR THE PAST 40
20 YEARS, L.A. BIOMED HAS BEEN A PIONEER IN THE SUCCESSFUL
21 DEVELOPMENT AND COMMERCIALIZATION OF LIFESAVING THERAPIES,
22 TREATMENTS, DIAGNOSTICS AND DEVICES. ONE OF L.A. BIOMED'S
23 LATEST SPINOFFS WAS ACQUIRED BY ALLERGAN THIS SUMMER IN A \$2.1
24 BILLION DEAL. THIS LONG TERM SUCCESS IS A TESTAMENT TO THE
25 VALUE CREATED BY THE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN L.A. BIOMED AND THE

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1 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AS APPROVED BY THIS BODY AND UNDER THE
2 LEADERSHIP OF SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, THE COUNTY
3 APPROVED A MOTION TO AMEND AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REVIEW TO
4 THE MASTER PLAN FOR THE HARBOR-U.C.L.A. CAMPUS TO ALLOW FOR
5 THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 15-ACRE, 250,000 SQUARE FEET INDUSTRIAL
6 LIFE-SCIENCES PARK ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE CAMPUS. THE
7 CONSTRUCTION OF SUCH PARK WILL ENABLE AND UNLEASH THE FULL
8 POTENTIAL OF THE HARBOR-U.C.L.A. CAMPUS AS A KEY DRIVER OF
9 ECONOMIC GROWTH TO MULTIPLY THE EFFECTS OF RESEARCH AND CARE
10 PROVIDED ON SITE. AS YOU'RE AWARE, PER THE BATTELLE REPORT,
11 THERE IS A NEED TO DEVELOP MULTIPLE HUBS OF BIOTECH LIFE
12 SCIENCES ACTIVITY IN LOS ANGELES TO FACILITATE THE DEVELOPMENT
13 OF A SUPER ECOSYSTEM FOR OUR REGION IN THIS AREA. THEREFORE WE
14 STRONGLY SUPPORT THE MOTION UNDER CONSIDERATION TO EXPLORE
15 FURTHER AVAILABLE COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTIES THAT CAN BE USED TO
16 FACILITATE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MUCH NEEDED INFRASTRUCTURE
17 TO REALIZE OUR FULL POTENTIAL. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, AND PLEASE
18 KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK.

19
20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT WITNESS,
21 PLEASE.

22
23 **LLEWELLYN COX:** GOOD MORNING. I MY NAME IS LLEWELLYN COX. I AM
24 THE PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. OF LAB LAUNCH INCORPORATED. WE ARE A
25 501 C3 NONPROFIT THAT WAS FORMED IN 2014 BY SCIENTISTS AND

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1 ENTREPRENEURS IN THE REGION IN RESPONSE TO OUR OWN EXPERIENCES
2 WITH ONE OF THE KEY ISSUES IDENTIFIED BY THE COUNTY'S REPORT
3 BY BATTELLE, NAMELY THE PAUCITY OF AFFORDABLE, ACCESSIBLE,
4 INDEPENDENT LABORATORY SPACE WHERE EARLY STAGE BIOTECH
5 COMPANIES CAN BEGIN. IN OCTOBER OF THIS YEAR, WE OPENED OUR
6 FIRST BIOTECH INCUBATOR AT LAB LAUNCH MONROVIA, AN 11,000
7 SQUARE FOOT FACILITY THAT CAN ACCOMMODATE UP TO 20 EARLY STAGE
8 BIOTECHNOLOGY COMPANIES, DOUBLING THE EXISTING CAPACITY OF
9 BIOTECH INCUBATOR LABS IN LOS ANGELES. WE ALREADY HAVE FIVE
10 WORKING CLIENTS IN OUR LABS, AND WE EXPECT LAB LAUNCH MONROVIA
11 TO BE FULL TO CAPACITY AND MORE IMPORTANTLY FINANCIALLY SELF-
12 SUSTAINING BY THE END OF 2016. LIFE TECHNOLOGIES ARE CURRENTLY
13 IN AN EARLY STAGE OF AN EXPLOSIVE PERIOD OF GROWTH AND
14 DIVERSIFICATION. IN ADDITION TO THE CREATION OF NEXT
15 GENERATION THERAPEUTICS AND MEDICAL DEVICES, ENTREPRENEURS
16 ACROSS THE WORLD ARE APPLYING BIOTECHNOLOGY TO SOME OF THE
17 MOST PRESSING CHALLENGES FOR HUMAN CIVILIZATION, INCLUDING
18 TECHNOLOGIES TO SUSTAINABLY FEED AND CLOTHE THE PROJECTED 11
19 BILLION HUMANS ON EARTH BY MID CENTURY. SOLUTIONS TO GENERATE
20 ENERGY AND CHEMICAL STOCKS FREE FROM POLLUTING AND WASTEFUL
21 FOSSIL FUELS, EVEN TECHNOLOGIES THAT WILL BE ESSENTIAL FOR OUR
22 LONG-TERM AMBITIONS FOR OFF-WORLD LIVING AND SPACE
23 COLONIZATION. AT LAB LAUNCH MONROVIA, WE HAVE SHOWN THE
24 CREATIVE REUSE OF EXISTING INDUSTRIAL SPACE AS A COST-
25 EFFECTIVE WAY TO SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF EARLY STAGE

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1 BIOTECHNOLOGY COMPANIES. OTHER EXAMPLES IN THIS SPACE INCLUDE
2 BIOTECH AND BEYOND IN CARLSBAD, GEN SPACE IN BROOKLYN AND
3 BERKELEY BIOLABS IN BERKELEY. THESE ALL DEMONSTRATE THAT HIGH
4 QUALITY INCUBATOR LABS CAN BE CREATED IN RECLAIMED INDUSTRIAL
5 SPACE AT A FRACTION OF A COST OF DEDICATED NEW BUILD
6 FACILITIES, UNDER AN EFFECTIVE TOOL TO SUPPORT AN ECOSYSTEM OF
7 ENTREPRENEURIAL ACTIVITY IN CUTTING EDGE LIFE SCIENCE
8 TECHNOLOGIES. THEREFORE WE WOULD LIKE TO ENCOURAGE AND THANK
9 YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP IN THIS ITEM.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** CONGRATULATIONS, AS WELL. YOU'RE
12 RIGHT THERE IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY.

13

14 **LLEWELLYN COX:** RIGHT.

15

16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAME CHAIR, I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT I
19 WAS WITH LLEWELLYN IN THIS PRESENTATION UNTIL HE GOT INTO THAT
20 SPACE COLONIZATION. WE'LL TALK ABOUT THAT SOME OTHER TIME. I
21 KNOW YOU COULDN'T HELP YOURSELF. BUT I CAN TELL YOU THIS IS
22 ANOTHER EXAMPLE, LAB LAUNCH IS ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF
23 ENTREPRENEURSHIP, DEEP, DIVERSE, THOSE STARTUPS ARE THERE
24 DEMONSTRATING THEIR WARES, SHOWING THEIR WARES AND IT WAS JUST
25 VERY, VERY IMPRESSIVE, RIGHT THERE IN MONROVIA AND I CAN TELL

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1 YOU THIS CAN HAPPEN THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. SO
2 SHOUT OUT TO LAB LAUNCH AND THE OTHERS WHO ARE DOING LIKEWISE.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE.

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6 **JULIE LAPPIN:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS JULIE LAPPIN. I'M THE
7 DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENTAL AND EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AT CAL-POLY
8 POMONA. WE THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR TAKING UP SUCH
9 AN IMPORTANT MOTION REGARDING THE ECONOMIC VITALITY OF L.A.
10 COUNTY. CAL-POLY POMONA SUPPORTS THIS MOTION AND RESPECTFULLY
11 REQUESTS ITS APPROVAL BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. CAL-POLY
12 POMONA HAS READ THE BATTELLE REPORT FOR ADVANCING THE
13 BIOSCIENCE INDUSTRY IN L.A. COUNTY AND IS FAMILIAR WITH ITS
14 RECOMMENDATION FOR THE CREATION OF SIGNATURE BIOSCIENCE
15 INNOVATION HUBS TO ASSIST WITH STARTUP AND EMERGING BIOSCIENCE
16 COMPANIES. I THINK WE CAN ALL AGREE THAT REAL PROPERTY IN L.A.
17 COUNTY IS AT A PREMIUM AND IN SHORT SUPPLY AND FURTHER, THAT
18 IN ORDER TO CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT RIPE FOR THE BIOSCIENCES
19 INDUSTRY, THE SEARCH FOR PREMIER LOCATIONS FOR BIOTECH HUBS
20 NEEDS TO BE EXPLORED. OUR COUNTY HAS THE EXPERTISE TO MAKE THE
21 BIOSCIENCES INITIATIVE A REALITY AND IT IS TIME FOR L.A. TO
22 SHINE IN THIS REGARD. CAL-POLY POMONA IS EXCITED TO BE A
23 POTENTIAL PARTNER IN OUR POLYTECHNIC APPROACH AND OUR LEARN BY
24 DOING MAKES US AN IDEAL COLLABORATOR. OUR CAMPUS BRINGS MANY
25 THINGS TO THE TABLE WITH THIS INITIATIVE. FIRST WE, ALONG WITH

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1 THE OTHER HIGHER INSTITUTION IN OUR COUNTY, ARE A SOURCE OF
2 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT FOR THE REGION IN THE BIOSCIENCES. CAL-
3 POLY POMONA ESTABLISHED THE FIRST UNDERGRADUATE BIOTECH DEGREE
4 IN THE COUNTY AND WE CURRENTLY HAVE MANY UNDERGRAD AND GRAD
5 STUDENTS WORKING ON APPLIED BIOTECHNOLOGY RESEARCH. CAL-POLY
6 POMONA HAS EXISTING BIOTECH RELATED CONNECTIONS WITH THE CITY
7 OF HOPE AND WE ARE NOW WORKING WITH U.S.C. SECONDLY, CAL-POLY
8 POMONA IS PROUD OF ITS ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT AND WOULD
9 BENEFIT AND INDEED STRENGTHEN THIS INITIATIVE. WE ARE NO
10 STRANGERS TO STARTUP COMPANIES SINCE WE HAVE AN ESTABLISHED
11 SMALL BUSINESS INCUBATOR WHICH IS HOUSED IN OUR INNOVATION
12 VILLAGE ALONGSIDE RED CROSS AND SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON.
13 LASTLY WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPING ALMOST 300 ACRES OF
14 NEW CAMPUS LAND ON THE GROUNDS OF THE FORMER MANNERMAN
15 DEVELOPMENT CENTER. THAT COULD BE IN PART BE UTILIZED TO
16 ANCHOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE EASTERN HUB OF THE BIOSCIENCES
17 CORRIDOR INITIATIVE. CAL-POLY POMONA AND CAMPUS SOUTH ARE BOTH
18 WELL PLACED TO REACH OUT TO THE REMAINDER OF THE SAN GABRIEL
19 VALLEY AND INLAND EMPIRE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

20

21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR REPRESENTING
22 CAL-POLY POMONA WHICH IS WHERE I ATTENDED MY UNDERGRAD. BUT
23 SHE RAISES A VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE TO THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX
24 AGAIN IN LOOKING THROUGHOUT THE REGION BECAUSE CITY OF HOPE IS
25 RIGHT ALONG THAT OTHER CORRIDOR THAT I KNOW WAS ENVISIONED AT

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1 ONE TIME AS ALSO BEING ANOTHER BIOMEDICAL TECHNOLOGY CENTER.
2 SO IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT, ALL THESE COULD BE CONTIGUOUS IF WE
3 THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX. THANK YOU FOR COMING TODAY. WE HAVE TWO
4 MORE WITNESSES, ARNOLD SACHS AND DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL.

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6 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
7 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. BETTER LATE THAN NEVER, YOU KNOW. I
8 TRIED 30 YEARS AGO TO ESTABLISH A PROJECT HERE. AND, INSTEAD,
9 WE CREATED A STATE-OF-THE-ART RESEARCH CENTER IN BALTI-- AT
10 THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND IN BALTIMORE BECAUSE WE COULDN'T
11 GET ANY COUNTY EXCITED IN ANYTHING HAVING TO DO WITH RESEARCH.
12 NATURALLY AT THAT TIME, DR. GALLO HAD MORE PATENTS ALONE THAN
13 ALL THE PHYSICIANS IN OTHER STATES. SO THAT WAS A BIG CATCH.
14 BUT I'M GLAD TO SEE IT HAPPEN NOW. WHAT I AM CONCERNED IS THAT
15 WHEN YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT LOCATION FOR TOP SCIENTISTS TO
16 COME, LOCATION IS REALLY THE KEY. AND WHEN I SEE M.L.K.
17 INVOLVED IN THAT CONFIGURATION, I AM CONCERNED, ESPECIALLY THE
18 OLD M.L.K. WHICH PHYSICALLY, THIS BUILDING HAD SOME VERY BAD
19 SITUATIONS. MY OWN BIAS IS U.S.C. BECAUSE THAT'S THE PLACE I
20 HAD BEEN LOOKING AT FOR A LONG TIME AND I WANTED 30 YEARS AGO.
21 I THINK IT IS PROBABLY THE MOST EXCITING PLACE FOR ATTRACTING
22 SOME KEY SCIENTISTS. AND I WOULD REALLY LOOK AT THAT CENTER.

23

24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS.

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1 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING. ARNOLD SACHS. AND
2 I'M SOMEWHAT CONFUSED. A COUPLE THINGS. COUNTY-OWNED
3 PROPERTIES. ARE WE RESTRICTING THESE TO COUNTY-OWNED
4 PROPERTIES? ARE WE EXCLUDING L.A.U.S.D. AND ITS 10,000
5 PROPERTIES AND L.A., THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
6 AND ITS 3,000 PROPERTIES? AND THEN YOU WANT COUNTY PROPERTIES
7 AND YOU HAVE THESE COUNTY PROPERTIES. WHY IS THE COUNTY
8 LEASING OFFICE SPACE? WHY NOT DEVELOP COUNTY PROPERTY FOR
9 OFFICE SPACE? THE BEGINNING OF THIS CONVERSATION MENTIONED--
10 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS MENTIONED SAN DIEGO, BOSTON AND SAN
11 FRANCISCO BEING HUBS OF BIO-- DIVERSITY AND WHATEVER. L.A.
12 COUNTY GRADUATING THE STUDENTS AND HAVING TO LEAVE THE COUNTY
13 TO GO ELSEWHERE TO WORK, THE COUNTY STARTED THIS MOTION BACK
14 IN 2011. SO IF THESE OTHER CITIES GOT ON BOARD AND WERE ABLE
15 TO DEVELOP THESE COUNTY, THESE BIO PROGRAMS THAT ATTRACTED
16 L.A. COUNTY GRADUATES, WHY IS L.A. COUNTY NOW GETTING ON
17 BOARD? I MEAN, I'M REMINDED OF LAST WEEK'S PRESENTATION. YOU
18 MADE AN AWARD TO SOMEBODY IN THE FILM INDUSTRY ABOUT HOW THEY
19 MANAGED TO KEEP FILMING IN L.A. BACK WHEN HE WAS WORKING SINCE
20 1985. AND THE FILMING INDUSTRY IN L.A. HAS LOST LIKE 20,000
21 JOBS. AND ALSO THIS IS REALLY SCARY. THERE WAS A MOTION MADE
22 LAST YEAR, DIDN'T YOU MAKE A MOTION LAST YEAR, MR. RIDLEY-
23 THOMAS, ABOUT USING COUNTY PROPERTIES FOR MENTAL HEALTH
24 SERVICES. ANDY WROTE THE NOTES DOWN DIVERSION PROGRAMS AND
25 SHEILA KUEHL YOU MENTIONED THE SAME THING I HAD ALREADY

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1 WRITTEN. IT IS LIKE THE VULCAN MIND MELD. PUBLIC PRIVATE
2 PARTNERSHIPS, ONE GIVING AND ONE RECEIVING? CAN YOU MENTION
3 A.E.G. THAT WAS A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP. AND THEY GOT AND
4 THE PUBLIC TOOK IT.

5

6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** TIME'S EXPIRED. THANK YOU. WE HAVE
7 ONE LAST WITNESS. ERIC PREVEN.

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9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IT IS THE CASE, MADAME CHAIR, THAT A
10 SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF DUE DILIGENCE HAS ALREADY BEEN
11 UNDERTAKEN WITH RESPECT TO THE ADAPTIVE REUSE, THAT IS THE
12 PURPOSING OF THE ORIGINAL M.L.K. HOSPITAL. A.E.COM UNDER THE
13 DIRECTION OF PUBLIC WORKS HAS RECENTLY COMPLETED A REPORT THAT
14 MAKES IT ABUNDANTLY CLEAR THAT A NUMBER OF IMAGINATIVE USES
15 CAN TAKE PLACE. AND IT WOULD BE IMPRUDENT FOR US NOT TO RE-
16 PURPOSE THAT FACILITY. THEREFORE, YOU CAN COUNT ON SEEING MORE
17 COMING FORWARD THAT ESSENTIALLY POSITIONS THAT FOR THE KIND OF
18 THINGS THAT WOULD TAKE IT WELL INTO THE FUTURE.

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT WITNESS.

21

22 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. IT'S ERIC PREVEN FROM THE
23 THIRD DISTRICT AND IT'S INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT A.E.COM'S
24 REPORT WAS INCLUSIVE OF THIS MATERIAL. INTERESTING. THIS IS
25 THE BIOSCIENCE INNOVATION HUB ITEM. OBVIOUSLY THIS IS A VERY

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1 EXCITING OPPORTUNITY TO STIMULATE, IF I MAY, SOME OF THE HIGH
2 QUALITY JOBS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, IS MY UNDERSTANDING, WHICH
3 I THINK HARD NOT TO SUPPORT THAT, I MUST SAY. AND I'M VERY
4 APPRECIATIVE FOR THE COMMENTS FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT
5 SUPERVISOR ABOUT ENSURING THAT THE TRANSACTION AND THE DEAL IS
6 STRUCTURED IN SUCH A WAY THAT IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT HOW MR.
7 ROGAN BILKING UP ON FEES BUT ALSO THE PUBLIC BENEFIT WILL BE
8 SUBSTANTIAL. AND THEN HOPEFULLY IF WE INCLUDE PRIVATE PARTNERS
9 THAT IF THERE'S GREAT SUCCESS, I THOUGHT IT WAS A NICE POINT.
10 THAT THE MUNICIPALITY WHO HELPED STIMULATE THAT INITIAL GROWTH
11 WOULD SOMEHOW BENEFIT. SO THAT'S JUST BEYOND THE OBVIOUS MORE
12 REVENUE FOR THE COUNTY GENERALLY. AND I JUST WOULD SAY THAT IN
13 THE DEFINITION OF WHAT A BIOSCIENCE COMPANY IS, WE SHOULD BE
14 DILIGENT AND SCRUPULOUS AND CAREFUL BECAUSE I SAT IN A STUDIO
15 CITY MEETING THAT IS NOT YOUR JURISDICTION WHERE WE WERE
16 APPROVING SOME VARIOUS ITEMS AND IT BECAME CLEAR THAT THE
17 COMPANY SOUNDED VERY BIOSCIENCE-Y AND IN FACT THEY WERE A VAPE
18 OPERATOR MAKING THOSE THINGS THAT YOU INGEST TOBACCO AND OTHER
19 ITEMS WITH, WITH A HIGH DOSAGE OF STEAM THAT IS IN FACT
20 SCIENTIFIC. SO THAT'S FAIR. AND YOU DO INGEST IT INTO THE
21 BODY. SO THAT IS BIO. SO, ANYWAY, WE SHOULD JUST BE CLEAR THAT
22 WE'RE NOT STIMULATING A NUMBER OF METHAMPHETAMINE LABS, WHICH
23 OBVIOUSLY WE'RE NOT. COME ON, SIR. LIGHTEN UP. ANYWAY, THANK
24 YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN COUNTY GOVERNMENT.

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MEMBERS, THIS ITEM IS
2 BEFORE US. AND I'LL REFRESH YOUR MEMORY. IT'S ITEM 1-D AND
3 NUMBER 6. IT HAS BEEN MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.
4 SECONDED BY SOLIS. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR? [CHORUS OF AYES.]
5 WITHOUT OBJECTION. THANK YOU. VERY GOOD. CONGRATULATIONS. NEXT
6 ITEM, MEMBERS AND THE PUBLIC, WE'LL TAKE UP R-1 AND ITEM NO.
7 8. THOSE WHO WISH TO ADDRESS THE ITEM WILL BE GIVEN A SET TIME
8 TO ADDRESS THESE ITEMS TOGETHER. SUPERVISOR-- I'M SORRY. WE'RE
9 GOING TO HAVE PRESENTATION BY OUR C.E.O.'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY
10 MANAGEMENT, JEFF REEB AND FIRE CHIEF DARYL OSBY. STAFF? MR.
11 REEB? PLEASE BEGIN.

12

13 **JEFF REEB:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, WE'RE PLEASED
14 TO SHARE WITH YOU OUR CONTINUED EFFORTS TO PREPARE FOR THE EL
15 NI O CLIMATE EVENT I'M JEFF REEB WITH THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY
16 MANAGEMENT. ALTHOUGH WE HAVEN'T HAD ANY RAIN YET, OUR EXPERTS
17 STATE THAT THE RAIN IS LIKELY TO COME AND SHOULD ARRIVE HERE
18 IN JANUARY. BUT ENGAGING AND INFORMING THE PUBLIC ON EL NI O
19 PREPAREDNESS HAS CONTINUED TO BE ONE OF OUR TOP PRIORITIES.
20 DAVID SUMMERS IS HERE TO MY LEFT TO SHARE HIS PROGRESS ON
21 PUBLIC OUTREACH FROM A COUNTYWIDE COMMUNICATIONS PERSPECTIVE.
22 DAVID?

23

24 **DAVID SUMMERS:** SUPERVISORS, MADAME CHAIR, DAVID SUMMERS,
25 DIRECTOR COUNTYWIDE COMMUNICATIONS. FOR ANYONE LOOKING TO GET

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1 A JUMP ON NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS YOU CAN'T START SOON ENOUGH
2 ON PREPARING FOR EL NIÑO. THE BEST PLACE TO DO THAT IS THE
3 COUNTY'S UNIFIED RESOURCE THAT WE TALKED ABOUT DURING OUR LAST
4 UPDATE, LACOUNTY.GOV/ELNINO .THAT'S WHERE YOU CAN FIND
5 INFORMATION IN 90 DIFFERENT LANGUAGES. YOU CAN DOWNLOAD OUR
6 MOBILE APP FOR REPORTING STORM DAMAGE. AND REGISTER TO RECEIVE
7 REVERSE 911 EMAIL ALERTS FROM FIRST RESPONDERS THROUGH THE
8 COUNTY. SUPERVISORS, SINCE OUR LAST UPDATE, OUR WEBSITE'S HAD
9 A NUMBER OF SUCCESSES. IT'S CURRENTLY THE SECOND MOST POPULAR
10 WEBSITE ON THE COUNTY PORTAL. WE HAD 56,000 VISITORS TO THE
11 WEBSITE. 9,600 SOCIAL MEDIA IMPRESSIONS. VISITORS ARE SPENDING
12 ALMOST THREE MINUTES ON THE WEBSITE ACCESSING COUNTY
13 INFORMATION FROM 8 DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS. BUT BEYOND THAT
14 SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN, WE'VE ALSO WIDELY DISTRIBUTED ALL OUR
15 INFORMATION TO ALL 88 CITIES AND CITY MANAGERS. EVERY CHAMBER
16 OF COMMERCE, EVERY SCHOOL DISTRICT. WE'VE ENGAGED OUR
17 COMMUNITY IN SENIOR GROUPS, WE'VE ENGAGED OUR HEALTHCARE
18 AGENCIES AND MEDICAL PROVIDERS AND OTHER HEALTH AGENCIES AND
19 OUR LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION. BUT WE ALSO REALIZE THAT OUR MOST
20 RESIDENTS MAY NOT HAVE ACCESS, REGULAR ACCESS, TO THE
21 INTERNET. SO WITH THE HELP OF PUBLIC WORKS, THE COUNTY'S
22 CREATED EASY-TO-PRINT, MULTILINGUAL BROCHURES THAT ARE FOCUSED
23 ON THE MOST CRITICAL TIPS AND CONTACT INFORMATION. THESE SAME
24 BROCHURES HAVE ALSO BEEN WIDELY DISSEMINATED TO THE SAME LIST
25 OF GROUPS, AND WE'VE HAD A NUMBER OF SUCCESSES. ONE NOTABLE

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1 SUCCESS IS THAT THE L.A.U.S.D.'S SUPERINTENDENT OFFICE HAS
2 ACTUALLY PUSHED OUT OUR MULTILINGUAL MATERIALS TO ALL
3 PRINCIPALS AND PARENTS THROUGHOUT THE L.A.U.S.D. DISTRICT.
4 THIS IS NOT A ONE TIME OUTREACH PUSH FOR US. THE COUNTY
5 WELCOMES ANY IDEAS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR HOW TO OUTREACH TO
6 GROUPS THAT WE MAY NOT HAVE THOUGHT OF YET. WE'RE COMMITTING
7 TO GETTING THIS INFORMATION ON PREPAREDNESS OUT TO OUR
8 RESIDENTS HOWEVER WE CAN BEST MAKE IT HAPPEN. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

11

12 **JEFF REEB:** BOARD MEMBERS, YOUR PRIORITIZATION OF HELPING
13 PEOPLE WHO ARE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS HAS CONTINUED TO
14 IMPACT OUR EL NI O PLANNING EFFORTS. C.E.O. HOMELESS
15 INITIATIVE DIRECTOR, PHIL ANSELL, WILL SHARE A SUMMARY OF
16 ACHIEVEMENTS AND EFFORTS UNDERWAY TO MET THIS PRIORITY.

17

18 **PHIL ANSELL:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.
19 I'LL BE ADDRESSING THE COUNTY'S EFFORTS TO ENHANCE THE WINTER
20 SHELTER PROGRAM AND THEN LATER IN THIS PRESENTATION THE
21 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WILL BE ADDRESSING OUTREACH SPECIFICALLY
22 TO HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS WHO LIVE IN ENCAMPMENTS IN THE FLOOD
23 CONTROL AREA. THE BOARD HAS ALREADY APPROVED A NUMBER OF
24 ENHANCEMENTS TO THE WINTER SHELTER PROGRAM WHICH ARE BEING
25 IMPLEMENTED. FIRST, THE WINTER SHELTER PROGRAM HAS BEEN

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1 EXTENDED BY 60 DAYS AS A RESULT OF EL NIÑO. SO THE PROGRAM
2 BEGAN ON OCTOBER 15TH AND WILL RUN AS IT CURRENTLY STANDS
3 THROUGH MARCH 15TH. WE'VE ALSO INCREASED THE NUMBER OF COUNTY-
4 FUNDED WINTER SHELTER PROGRAM BEDS BY ABOUT 40 PERCENT, FROM
5 600 TO 861. THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES ALSO FUNDS WINTER SHELTER
6 PROGRAM BEDS AND HAS INCREASED ITS NUMBER OF BEDS, AS WELL.
7 BEYOND EXTENDING THE LENGTH OF THE WINTER SHELTER PROGRAM AND
8 THE NUMBER OF BEDS, WE HAVE PROVIDED FUNDING SO THAT THE
9 WINTER SHELTER SITES CAN REMAIN OPEN 24 HOURS A DAY RATHER
10 THAN ONLY AT NIGHT DURING 21 INCLEMENT WEATHER DAYS. AND IF
11 THE INCIDENCE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER IS GREATER THAN THAT, WE
12 HAVE FLEXIBILITY UNDER THE BOARD'S EMERGENCY DECLARATION TO
13 INCREASE THE NUMBER OF INCLEMENT-- THE FUNDING FOR ADDITIONAL
14 DAYS FOR THOSE EXISTING SHELTERS TO STAY OPEN 24 HOURS SO THEY
15 PROVIDE SHELTER FROM THE RAIN DURING THE DAYTIME HOURS, AS
16 WELL. NOW, IN ADDITION, AGAIN PURSUANT TO THE BOARD'S
17 EMERGENCY DECLARATION, WE HAVE IDENTIFIED 7 COUNTY FACILITIES
18 ALL OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION THAT WE
19 HAVE DUBBED AUGMENTED WINTER SHELTERS. COMBINED, THESE 7 SITES
20 OFFER 1,130 BEDS. SO THAT'S MORE THAN THE NUMBER IN THE WINTER
21 SHELTER PROGRAM THAT ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE SEVEN SITES.
22 THESE SITES WILL BE OPENED ON AN AS-NEEDED BASIS WHEN THE
23 AMOUNT OF RAIN, DURATION OF RAIN AND/OR COLD WEATHER
24 NECESSITATES. AND THOSE DECISIONS WILL BE MADE PURSUANT TO A
25 STRUCTURED PROTOCOL COORDINATED BY THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY

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1 MANAGEMENT, AS IS THE CASE WITH DISASTERS. THOSE 7 SITES WERE
2 IDENTIFIED THROUGH A COORDINATED PROCESS BETWEEN C.L. CAPITAL
3 PROJECTS, THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND THE
4 DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION. AND THE SITES WERE
5 IDENTIFIED BASED ON A COMBINATION OF THE PROXIMITY OF THOSE
6 SITES TO WHERE HOMELESS PEOPLE, UNSHELTERED HOMELESS PEOPLE
7 LIVE ON THE STREETS AS WELL AS WITH THE GOAL OF MINIMIZING THE
8 DISRUPTION TO EXISTING PROGRAMS DELIVERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF
9 PARKS AND RECREATION. AS I MENTIONED, THE CRITERIA FOR OPENING
10 THESE SITES WOULD BE A COMBINATION OF THE AMOUNT OF RAIN, THE
11 DURATION OF RAIN AND COLD WEATHER. I'D ALSO LIKE TO ADD THAT
12 THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN SIMILARLY
13 UTILIZING LOS ANGELES CITY FACILITIES FOR A TEMPORARY WINTER
14 SHELTER AND IS SEEKING TO REPLICATE THE EFFORT THAT THE COUNTY
15 HAS ORGANIZED AND IS IMPLEMENTING REGARDING THE USE OF COUNTY
16 FACILITIES. IN FACT, THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES IS JOINING A
17 MEETING BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICES
18 AUTHORITY LATER THIS WEEK TO SEE IF THE CITY CAN COME UP TO
19 SPEED IN TERMS OF BOTH IDENTIFYING FUNDING AND SITES. AND THE
20 CITY, AS IS THE CASE FOR THE COUNTY, WILL BE CONTRACTING WITH
21 LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICES AUTHORITY FOR THESE ADDITIONAL
22 SITES. THANK YOU.

23

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1 **JEFF REEB:** THANK YOU, PHIL. NEXT I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE GAIL
2 FARBER OUR DEPARTMENT HEAD OF PUBLIC WORKS. SHE'LL OUTLINE THE
3 EFFORTS PUBLIC WORKS HAS BEEN MAKING TO PREPARE FOR EL NI O.

4

5 **GAIL FARBER:** THANK YOU, CHAIRMAN. AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,
6 PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, MAINTAINING THE INTEGRITY, SAFETY AND
7 OPERATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS OF THE COUNTY'S WATER, FLOOD AND
8 ROAD SYSTEMS IN PUBLIC SPACES IS A YEAR ROUND FUNCTION FOR
9 PUBLIC WORKS, AND PREPARATION OF THE COUNTY PUBLIC
10 INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THIS COMING STORM SEASON IS COMPLETE AS WE
11 STAND READY FOR THE FLOOD FIGHT. WE ALSO STAND READY TO TAKE
12 FULL ADVANTAGE OF THE ANTICIPATED RAINFALL IN ORDER TO
13 REPLENISH LOCAL SUPPLIES, LOCAL AQUIFERS AND STORM WATER
14 CAPTURE. SINCE OUR LAST REPORT WE HAVE MAINLY FOCUSED ON EL NI
15 O EDUCATION AND OUTREACH AND WORKING IN COOPERATION WITH THE
16 OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CITY
17 PARTNERS, WE HAVE UNDERTAKEN SEVERAL ADDITIONAL SIGNIFICANT
18 ACTIONS TO ENSURE OPTIMAL PREPAREDNESS LEVELS TO EFFECTIVELY
19 TO PREPARE AND RESPOND TO STORM RELATED INCIDENTS. USING
20 LESSONS LEARNED IN PRIOR EL NI O EVENTS WHERE THE AVAILABILITY
21 OF LAST MINUTE HEAVY EQUIPMENT RENTALS BECAME HIGHLY COSTLY
22 AND COMPETITIVE, WE HAVE RECENTLY CONTRACTUALLY PROCURED
23 ADDITIONAL HEAVY EQUIPMENT IN ADVANCE OF THE STORM SEASON AS
24 ONE MEASURE TO PRECLUDE COSTLY COMPETITIVE RENTALS DURING
25 SIGNIFICANT STORM EVENTS, AS WELL AS TO ENHANCE OUR IN-HOUSE

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1 FLEET READINESS. WE CONTINUE TO MEET WITH COUNTY FIRST
2 RESPONDER AGENCIES, CITY AND STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES TO
3 COORDINATE INCIDENT CONTINGENCY PLANS AND TO CONDUCT COMMUNITY
4 EDUCATION OUTREACH. WE ARE CONDUCTING WEEKLY CONFERENCE CALLS
5 WITH COUNTY FIRE AND SHERIFF OFFICIALS TO REVIEW OUR
6 OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES AND OUR SITUATIONAL READINESS AS THE
7 STORM SEASON APPROACHES. IN PARTNERSHIP WITH O.E.M. AND COUNTY
8 FIRE AND SHERIFF WE ARE ALSO CONTINUING OUR COMPREHENSIVE
9 SCHEDULE OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH MEETINGS AS PART OF THE EL NI O
10 OUTREACH. A MASTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS IS UPDATED DAILY AND IS
11 DISTRIBUTED TO YOUR BOARD OFFICES AS WELL AS TO OUR COUNTY
12 TEAM. IN TOTAL, WE'VE COMPLETED 55 OUTREACH EVENTS TO VARIOUS
13 CITIES, TOWN COUNCILS AND COMMUNITY GROUPS AND HAVE AN
14 ADDITIONAL FIVE SCHEDULED FOR THE END OF THIS MONTH. EVEN
15 YESTERDAY WE HOSTED AN EL NI O PREPAREDNESS IN ALHAMBRA, THAT
16 WAS ATTENDED BY CITY ADMINISTRATORS, ENGINEERS AND PUBLIC
17 WORKS DIRECTORS FROM MORE THAN 50 CITIES TO FURTHER OUR
18 MESSAGING AND PREPAREDNESS ACTIVITIES. IN ADDITION, WE HAVE
19 ENGAGED RELEVANT FEDERAL AND STATE AGENCIES IN THE FLOOD FIGHT
20 TO PREPARE AND INFORM THEM OF UP-TO-THE-MINUTE ASSESSMENT OF
21 EL NI O'S RISKS HERE AT THE COUNTY AND LOCAL LEVEL AND URGE
22 THEM TO PLAN AND PREPARE ACCORDINGLY WITH US. WE ARE WORKING
23 CLOSELY WITH THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS TO EVALUATE
24 FEDERAL FLOOD PREPAREDNESS WITHIN SIGNIFICANT PORTIONS OF THE
25 COUNTY FLOOD SYSTEM THAT THE CORPS MAINTAINS IN ORDER TO

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1 FACILITATE AND EXPEDITE NEEDED REPAIRS AND TO COORDINATE ONE
2 VOICE COMMUNICATIONS TO ADJACENT AND VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES.
3 ALSO WORKING WITH F.E.M.A. AND DISCUSS OUR COUNTY'S FLOOD RISK
4 ASSESSMENT IN THE COUNTY AND ALSO TO COMMUNICATE THE
5 IMPORTANCE OF FLOOD INSURANCE AND THE NEED TO WORK WITH US TO
6 REVIEW AND EXPEDITE AND COMMUNICATE REGARDING FLOOD INSURANCE
7 AS WELL AS TO EXPEDITE CLAIMS DURING ANY EMERGENCY RELIEF
8 WE'VE ALSO COMPLETED ASSESSED OUR COMMUNITIES IN THE
9 FOOTHILLS, NORTH COUNTY AND LOW LYING AREAS VULNERABLE TO
10 FLOODING, DEBRIS FLOWS AND INUNDATION AS A RESULT OF
11 WILDFIRES, FLASH FLOODING OR INUNDATION AND HAVE PREDEPLOYED
12 RESOURCES AND EQUIPMENT AND COMMUNICATED WITH THOSE AREA
13 RESIDENTS ABOUT THAT RISK. WE CONTINUE TO HANDLE AND
14 COORDINATE NUMEROUS REQUESTS FROM THE MEDIA ON EL NI O
15 PREPAREDNESS AND STORM-RELATED TOPICS, AND HAVE COMPLETED
16 INTERVIEWS FROM NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL NEWS ORGANIZATIONS
17 AS WELL AS LOCALLY-BASED MEDIA TO PROMOTE PREPAREDNESS
18 MESSAGING. AS PHIL MENTIONED, WE ALSO CONTINUE TO WORK CLOSELY
19 WITH THE COUNTY'S HOMELESS INITIATIVE GROUP TO IDENTIFY
20 LOCATIONS OF ENCAMPMENT WITHIN OUR FLOOD CONTROL RIGHTS OF WAY
21 SO THAT OCCUPANTS CAN BE MOVED OUT OF HARM'S WAY. WE ARE ALSO
22 WORKING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND SENIOR SERVICES
23 TO FURTHER OUR OUTREACH TO OUR SENIORS. THANK YOU.
24

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1 **JEFF REEB:** THANK YOU, DIRECTOR FARBER. NEXT I'D LIKE TO
2 INTRODUCE FIRE CHIEF DARYL OSBY WHO WILL OUTLINE THE
3 PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE EFFORTS THE FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS
4 UNDERWAY.

5

6 **DARYL OSBY:** GOOD MORNING, MADAME CHAIR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.
7 DARYL OSBY, FIRE CHIEF. AS IT RELATES TO COMMUNITY OUTREACH,
8 OUR OUTREACH IS PRETTY CONSISTENT WITH THE REST OF THE COUNTY
9 STAKEHOLDERS IN ENSURING THAT WE INFORM OUR CITIZENS OF THE
10 UPCOMING EL NI O. AS YOU ARE AWARE, WE PROVIDE SERVICES TO 57
11 CITIES IN THE COUNTY AND ALL THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS, SO
12 THROUGH OUR FIRE STATIONS, THROUGH OUR COMMUNITY SERVICE
13 REPRESENTATIVES AND OUR ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEFS, WE HAVE REACHED
14 OUT TO ALL OF OUR CITIES AND COMMUNITIES IN RELATION TO
15 PREPAREDNESS FOR THIS UPCOMING SEASON. WE HAVE SANDBAGS AT ALL
16 THE FIRE STATIONS. AND THEN 41 OF OUR STATIONS, WE HAVE SAND.
17 AND IN ADDITION TO THAT, WE'VE COLLABORATED WITH OTHER CITIES
18 WITHIN THE DISTRICT TO ENSURE THAT WE'VE IDENTIFIED SAND THAT
19 THEY MAY HAVE AT SOME OF THE CITY LOCATIONS. WE HAVE A ONE
20 VOICE WEBSITE THAT WE ALL-- FOR THE COUNTY ARTICULATES AND
21 SHARES MEDIA AND INFORMATION. IN ADDITION TO THAT, ON THE L.A.
22 COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT WEBSITE WE HAVE TIPS IN RELATION TO
23 PREPAREDNESS FOR EL NI O. SANDBAG DISTRIBUTION AND EVERY DAY
24 SOCIAL MEDIA OUTREACH TO THIS UPCOMING SEASON. AND IT ALL
25 LINKS BACK TO THE COUNTY'S ONE VOICE WEBSITE. WE ALSO

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1 COMMUNICATE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS IN ALL THE
2 STATIONS AND ALL STAKEHOLDERS TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE SITUATIONAL
3 AWARENESS. I'M NOT GOING TO GO THROUGH THE WHOLE LAUNDRY LIST
4 OF PREPAREDNESS WITHIN THE L.A. COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT. AS YOU
5 ARE AWARE, OUR PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY IS EMERGENCY RESPONSE.
6 ALL OF OUR FIREFIGHTERS ARE TRAINED IN SWIFT WATER RESPONSE
7 AND THEY ARE TRAINED TO ANGULATE AND UPDATE IT IN THEIR
8 SKILLS. WE HAVE A COMPLETE INVENTORY OF OUR EQUIPMENT. WE HAVE
9 FIVE HIGHLY-TRAINED SWIFT-WATER TEAMS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY
10 DAILY. BUT IN ADDITION TO COLLABORATION WITH D.P.W. AND THE
11 NATIONAL WEATHER SYSTEM, WE HAVE THREE MATRICES, THAT IF
12 THERE'S AN EXTREME ADVANCE NOTICE OF RAINFALL OR POTENTIAL MUD
13 FLOWS, THEN WE AUGMENT OUR STAFFING TO ENSURE THAT WE HAVE THE
14 APPROPRIATE STAFFING TO RESPOND TO THAT TYPE OF INCIDENT.
15 RECENTLY, WE HAD A COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT,
16 PUBLIC WORKS, THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IN RELATION TO-- AND
17 PUBLIC HEALTH IN RELATION TO CONDUCTING THE 40-HOUR INCIDENT
18 MANAGEMENT CLASS SO IF THERE'S A MAJOR INCIDENT, THEN THOSE
19 DEPARTMENTS WILL BE WORKING IN UNIFIED COMMAND TO ENSURE THAT
20 WE ARE ABLE TO MANAGE THE INCIDENT ACCORDINGLY. IN ADDITION TO
21 THAT AND IN CONCLUSION, I'M THE REGION ONE COORDINATOR FOR THE
22 AREA, SO IF THERE'S A NEED FOR MUTUAL AID, THEN WE HAVE THE
23 PREIDENTIFIED MECHANISMS TO REQUEST ADDITIONAL AID TO THE
24 COUNTY. IN CONCLUSION ONE MORE ITEM, I DID HAVE A CONVERSATION
25 WHICH IS NOT FULLY FLUSHED OUT BUT WILL BE FLUSHED OUT WITHIN

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1 THE NEXT WEEK AS TO ENSURE THAT THERE'S A MECHANISM TO ASSIST
2 OUR SENIORS. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S COMMITTED TO HAVING
3 PREFILLED SANDBAGS. AND IDENTIFYING ADDITIONAL STAFF THROUGH
4 OUR EXPLORE PROGRAM OR OUR CAMP PROGRAMS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS
5 THAT MAY BE IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE FOR DEPLOYING SANDBAGS, AND
6 WE'LL PROVIDE THOSE SERVICES. THE FINAL THING THAT WE NEED TO
7 IDENTIFY IS A NOTIFICATION PROCESS AND A DEPLOYMENT PROCESS. I
8 THINK THAT THAT WILL PROVIDE A BETTER SERVICE FOR OUR SENIOR
9 CITIZENS, NUMBER ONE, AND THEN NUMBER TWO, REDUCE SOME OF OUR
10 911 CALLS BECAUSE THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS WE GET THOSE
11 CALLS, ANYWAY. SO THAT CONCLUDES MY REPORT.

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

14

15 **JEFF REEB:** THANK YOU, CHIEF OSBY. NEXT I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE
16 CAPTAIN LEONARD MCCRAY FROM THE SHERIFF'S EMERGENCY OPERATIONS
17 BUREAU AND LIEUTENANT JEFFREY DIETRICH FROM THE COMMUNITY
18 PARTNERSHIP BUREAU WILL SHARE HOW THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS
19 BOTH PREPARING FOR EL NI O AND HELPING TO PROTECT VULNERABLE
20 HOMELESS POPULATIONS ESPECIALLY THOSE IN THE WATERSHED
21 FEATURES.

22

23 **LEONARD MCCRAY:** THANK YOU. MADAME CHAIR AND BOARD MEMBERS, THE
24 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS CONTINUING ITS EFFORTS TO ENHANCE
25 OPERATIONAL READINESS. WE CONTINUE TO MEET REGULARLY WITH OUR

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1 COUNTY PARTNERS, THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, THE FIRE
2 DEPARTMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS TO ENSURE A RESPONSE TO ANY EVENT
3 AS A COORDINATED EFFORT. WE ARE CURRENTLY PROVIDING ADDITIONAL
4 TRAINING FOR OUR COUNTY E.O.C, EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER
5 TEAMS. OUR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TEAMS, AS WELL, TO ENSURE THAT
6 THEY'RE PREPARED IN THE EVENT THAT COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATION
7 CENTER ACTIVATION IS NEEDED. AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, WE
8 DISTRIBUTED OVER 100,000 SANDBAGS TO OUR PATROL STATIONS AND
9 THE STATIONS ARE ALSO ENGAGED IN AN EFFORT TO DISSEMINATE EL
10 NI O PREPAREDNESS INFORMATION AT COMMUNITY MEETINGS IN THEIR
11 RESPECTIVE JURISDICTIONS. WE HAVE ALSO ADDED TO OUR
12 L.A.S.D.ORG WEBSITE EL NI O PREPAREDNESS INFORMATION. OUR
13 SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAMS MAINTAIN A CONTINUAL STATE OF
14 READINESS. WE HAVE 8 TEAMS, 270 MEMBERS TOTAL. AND OVER THE
15 PAST FEW MONTHS THEY HAVE FOCUSED THEIR TRAINING ON FLOOD AND
16 MUD FLOW EVENTS THAT COULD POTENTIALLY OCCUR AS A RESULT OF EL
17 NI O. OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP BUREAU CONTINUES TO WORK WITH
18 THE HOMELESS THAT HAVE TAKEN UP RESIDENCE IN OUR WATERWAYS AND
19 I WILL HAVE LIEUTENANT DIETRICH SPEAK ON THOSE EFFORTS.

20
21 **JEFF DIETRICH:** GOOD MORNING MADAME CHAIR AND BOARD OF
22 SUPERVISORS. THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S HOMELESS
23 SERVICES TEAM HAS CONDUCTED 36 OUTREACH MISSIONS IN THE LOS
24 ANGELES COUNTY WATERWAYS. THE MAIN FOCUS OF THOSE MISSIONS HAS
25 BEEN TO INFORM THE HOMELESS RESIDENTS WHO ARE LIVING IN

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1 ENCAMPMENTS IN THE RIVER BEDS OF THE DANGERS OF AN IMPENDING
2 EL NI O EVENT PROVIDE IN THE RIVER BED. ANOTHER FOCUS HAS BEEN
3 TO CONNECT THE HOMELESS PERSONS IN THE RIVER BED WITH OUTREACH
4 SERVICES. IN ADDITION TO OUR 36 OUTREACH MISSIONS, WE'VE ALSO
5 COORDINATED AND ASSISTED OUR OUTREACH PROVIDERS IN OVER 50
6 OUTREACH MISSIONS IN THE LOS ANGELES WATERWAYS. DURING THESE
7 COLLECTIVE MISSIONS, APPROXIMATELY 473 HOMELESS PERSONS HAVE
8 BEEN CONTACTED RESIDING IN THE WATERWAYS. ONE OF THE OTHER
9 STRENGTHS OF HAVING OUR COLLABORATIVE EFFORT WITH THE EL NI O
10 TASKFORCE HAS BEEN, WITH OUR OUTREACH PROVIDERS, WE HAVE TAKEN
11 GEOCODED PICTURES TO DOCUMENT THE LOCATIONS OF ENCAMPMENTS.
12 THESE PICTURES HAVE THEN BEEN GIVEN TO PUBLIC WORKS AND
13 L.A.H.S.A. WHO HAVE DOCUMENTED THESE ON GEOCODED MAPS THAT
14 WE'RE PROVIDING TO OUR STATIONS AND PARTICIPATING POLICE
15 AGENCIES ALONG THE WATERBEDS. THAT WAY IN CASE OF ANY EL NI O
16 EVENT, AN IMMEDIATE NOTIFICATION CAN BE MADE TO AN ENCAMPMENT
17 OF WHERE SOMEONE IS LOCATED. WE HAVE ALSO STRENGTHENED THROUGH
18 OUR COLLABORATION AND PARTICIPATION IN THE SAN GABRIEL RIVER
19 WATERWAYS TASKFORCE LED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S OFFICE OUR
20 COLLABORATION WITH OUR SHERIFF'S STATIONS ALONG THE WATERWAYS
21 AND THE PARTICIPATING CITIES WHO HAVE JURISDICTION ALONG THOSE
22 WATERWAYS. WE COLLECTIVELY HAVE BEEN WORKING TOGETHER DURING
23 OUR OUTREACH MISSIONS IN PREPARATION FOR AN EL NI O EVENT. WE
24 HAVE ALSO HAD 8 CLEANUP OPERATIONS IN THE WATERWAYS. WE HAVE
25 HAD 3 IN THE SAN GABRIEL RIVER. WE'VE HAD 2 IN THE PUENTE

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1 CREEK, 2 IN THE WALNUT CREEK, AND 1 IN THE EATON WASH. THOSE
2 CLEANUP EFFORTS WERE COORDINATED WITH DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
3 WORKS AND ALSO WITH OTHER CITIES AND PARTICIPATING AGENCIES
4 THAT HAVE JURISDICTION OVER THOSE AREAS. WE ALSO LOOK FORWARD
5 TO BRINGING BACK TO THE BOARD ON OUR NEXT BRIEFING AN AERIAL--
6 THE AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE FROM THE END OF DECEMBER'S TOUR OF
7 THE RIVER WAYS TO SEE WHERE WE'RE AT AS A STATUS OF THE TIME
8 FOR THE END OF DECEMBER. BUILDING ON THAT RELATIONSHIP WITH
9 OUR OUTREACH PARTNERS, WE SHOULD HAVE A NUMBER OF WHERE WE'RE
10 AT FROM THE LAST 90 DAYS.

11

12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. OFFICER. I DO
13 HAVE A QUESTION. AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR COLLABORATION WITH OUR
14 FIELD OFFICES AND THE LOCAL CITY REPRESENTATIVES OUT THERE.
15 IT'S BEEN GREAT. IT'S A GOOD MESSAGE THAT WE CAN HAVE THAT WE
16 CAN WORK COLLABORATIVELY WITH OUR PARTNERS THERE. BUT I WOULD
17 ASK THE QUESTION WHEN YOU COME BACK HOPEFULLY IN ANOTHER
18 MONTH, BECAUSE I'M ASSUMING WE'RE PROBABLY GOING TO HAVE
19 REGULAR REPORTS OR UPDATES, IS TO SEE JUST HOW WELL YOU'VE
20 BEEN ABLE TO TARGET AND PLOT OUT WHERE THOSE HIGH ENCAMPMENTS
21 ARE FOUND AND CHECKING IN BECAUSE WHETHER IT RAINS OR NOT--
22 YET LAST NIGHT WAS AN INDICATION THAT OUR TEMPERATURES ARE
23 GOING TO DROP AND THAT ALSO IS CAUSE FOR CONCERN FOR OTHER
24 ILLNESSES AND DISEASE AND WHAT HAVE YOU. SO I JUST THINK
25 WHATEVER WE CAN DO, IF YOU CAN UPDATE US ON THAT, I REALLY

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1 APPRECIATE THAT YOU'VE GONE OUT OF YOUR WAY TO HELP US WHEN
2 OUR OFFICE HAS CALLED ALONG THE SAN GABRIEL RIVER AND THE
3 DIFFERENT CREEKS THERE. BUT I KNOW THERE'S MUCH MORE. I OFTEN
4 GET CALLS IN MY DISTRICT FROM ARROYO SECO CORRIDOR, AS WELL,
5 WHICH IS PART OF L.A. CITY BUT NONETHELESS, WE DO HAVE SOME
6 JURISDICTION BECAUSE WE ARE OBVIOUSLY TRYING TO WORK WITH OUR
7 CITY ON THAT. SO I KNOW THAT THESE THINGS ARE GOING TO REQUIRE
8 A LOT OF TIME AND FUNDING. BUT WE DEFINITELY WANT TO BE KEPT
9 NOTIFIED AND UP-TO-DATE SO THAT WE CAN HELP PROVIDE WHATEVER
10 LEADERSHIP TO IMMEDIATELY ALLOW FOR FUNDS, IF THAT'S
11 NECESSARY, TO HELP YOU WITH YOUR TEAMS, YOUR EFFORTS AND
12 HOPEFULLY, ON ANOTHER MATTER ALSO, WITH THE POTENTIAL SHELTERS
13 THAT WE HAVE, I REALIZE THAT WE ARE ADDRESSING THE ISSUES OF
14 ADULTS, BUT WE DON'T HEAR ABOUT CHILDREN AND THAT IS A GREAT
15 CONCERN TO ME AS OF LATE. SO JUST SOMETHING ELSE TO KEEP IN
16 MIND FOR THE OTHER FOLKS THAT ARE AT THE DAIS. THANK YOU FOR
17 YOUR REPORT. I DON'T KNOW IF ANYBODY HAS ANY FURTHER
18 QUESTIONS. WE HAVE ONE MORE?

19

20 **JEFF REEB:** MADAME CHAIR, WE HAVE TWO MORE SPEAKERS.

21

22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** TWO MORE, OKAY. YES. THANK YOU.

23

24 **JEFF REEB:** WITH YOUR PERMISSION?

25

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES, PLEASE.

2

3 **JEFF REEB:** NEXT UP I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE ANGELO BELLOMO,
4 DIRECTOR OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIVISION FOR THE COUNTY'S
5 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH WHO IS HERE TO SHARE HOW
6 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH IS GETTING READY FOR EL NIÑO.
7 THANK YOU, LIEUTENANT DIETRICH FOR YOUR REPORT. GO AHEAD.

8

9 **ANGELO BELLOMO:** THANK YOU, JEFF. BOARD MEMBERS, THANK YOU.
10 LIKE THE OTHER DEPARTMENTS, THE WORK OF PUBLIC HEALTH IS
11 DIVIDED INTO PREPARING FOR THE INCIDENT, RESPONDING TO THE
12 INCIDENT AND THEN ASSISTING IN THE RECOVERY. WITH REGARD TO
13 PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE, WE ARE PREPARING A NUMBER OF
14 INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS NOW THAT ARE STORM-RELATED, ON STORM-
15 RELATED IMPACTS. AND MANY OF THESE WILL BE ISSUED DIRECTLY TO
16 HOMEOWNERS AND THE OPERATORS OF RESTAURANTS, SMALL WATER
17 SYSTEMS, PRIVATE WELLS, LANDFILLS, HEALTHCARE FACILITIES AND
18 THE OTHER FACILITIES THAT WE REGULATE IN PUBLIC HEALTH. THE
19 MATERIALS WILL INCLUDE SUCH THINGS AS PRECAUTIONS TO BE TAKEN
20 IN HIGH RISK AREAS, OUR BEACHES, WATERWAYS AND OTHER LOW LYING
21 AREAS, AND MEASURES TO PREVENT INJURIES AND REDUCE STORM
22 RELATED HAZARDS, SUCH AS TRIPS AND FALLS, STRUCTURAL DAMAGE
23 AND WATER INTRUSION, OLD GROWTH AND WATER WELLS BEING
24 INUNDATED OR FLOODED BY WASTE WATER. WE'RE WORKING WITH DAVID
25 SUMMERS TO USE THE SAME CHANNELS USED IN THE EBOLA

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1 PREPAREDNESS TO CONNECT WITH CONTRACTORS, COMMUNITY PARTNERS
2 AND HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS TO DISSEMINATE THE MATERIALS WE'RE
3 DEVELOPING ON EL NIÑO. DEVELOPING OUR RESPONSE AND RECOVERY
4 PLAN TO GUIDE OUR STAFF IS VITAL IN THAT D.P.H. CARRIES OUT A
5 NUMBER OF PUBLIC HEALTH MISSIONS. FOR EXAMPLE, RESPONSE TO
6 FLOODING AND THE POWER OUTAGES AND LOSS OF WATER SUPPLIES,
7 TEMPORARY LOSS OF WATER SUPPLIES THAT OFTEN ACCOMPANY THESE
8 TYPE OF STORM EVENTS. WE ALSO CONDUCT THE DAMAGE ASSESSMENTS
9 ON HOUSING, OUR RESTAURANT INVENTORY, AND OTHER FOOD
10 FACILITIES, WATER SYSTEMS, LANDFILLS, HEALTHCARE FACILITIES
11 AND OTHER REGULATED UNITS. THE HOMELESS ENCAMPMENTS WE HAD
12 TALKED ABOUT OR THAT PHIL HAD REFERENCED EARLIER, AS WELL.
13 WE'RE ENGAGED IN DISEASE PREVENTION ACTIVITIES DURING THESE
14 EVENTS AND ALSO SUPPORTING OUR OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS IN THE
15 SHELTERS AND ANIMAL CARE THAT THEY ARE CHARGED WITH DOING. WE
16 INSPECT THESE FACILITIES AND ENSURE THAT THEY'RE UP TO
17 COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE. GIVEN, OF COURSE, THE EMERGENCY
18 SITUATIONS WE'RE OPERATING UNDER. WE ALSO ARE DEVELOPING RAPID
19 MESSAGES TO THE PUBLIC WHEN THESE EVENTS DO OCCUR. SO IT'S
20 BOTH SENDING MESSAGES OUT EARLY AS WELL AS BEING READY TO
21 RESPOND WHEN THE INCIDENT OCCURS. AND WE GOT TO BE PREPARED TO
22 RESPOND TO HEAVY DISCHARGES, TO OCEAN WATERS AND THE IMPACTS
23 THAT COULD CAUSE. LAST IN THE AREA OF RECOVERY, WE ARE
24 REVIEWING AND UPDATING OUR PROCESSES THAT WILL ASSIST THE
25 COMMUNITY RECOVERY EFFORT, SUCH AS EXPEDITING THE REVIEWS OF

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1 HOMEOWNERS AND BUSINESSES THAT SUBMIT PLANS TO US UNDER THE
2 DISASTER REBUILD POLICY. AND ALSO SUPPORTING FAMILY ASSISTANCE
3 CENTERS WITH STAFF TO ANSWER QUESTIONS AND PROVIDE GUIDANCE TO
4 THE PUBLIC. AND THEN LASTLY, PROVIDING EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS
5 TO ASSIST THE COMMUNITIES WITH POST INCIDENT CLEANUP. THANK
6 YOU.

7

8 **JEFF REEB:** THANK YOU, MR. BELLOMO. OUR FINAL PRESENTER TODAY
9 FOR MADAME CHAIR AND THE BOARD IS MARCIA MAYEDA AND SHE'LL BE
10 HERE WITH ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL.

11

12 **MARCIA MAYEDA:** THANK YOU GOOD MORNING. THE DEPARTMENT OF
13 ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL IS PREPARED TO RESPOND AND ASSIST IN
14 THE EVENT OF THE NEED OF OUR SERVICES. WE HAVE FOUR MOBILE
15 TRAILERS THAT WE CAN DEPLOY THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY THAT ARE
16 FULLY OPERATIONAL WITH POWER AND HEAT AND AIR CONDITIONING
17 THAT CAN HOUSE BETWEEN 30 AND 50 ANIMALS AND WE CAN COLLOCATE
18 THESE AT RED CROSS CENTERS OR ANYWHERE ELSE WHERE THEY MAY
19 NEED TO BE REMOVED TO BUT CAN STAY CLOSE TO THEIR OWNERS.
20 WE'VE UPDATED OUR POLICIES AND PROCEDURES AND RETAINED ALL OF
21 OUR EQUINE RESPONSE TEAM VOLUNTEERS THAT ASSIST THE DEPARTMENT
22 IN RESCUING HORSES AND OTHER LIVESTOCK DURING THIS TIME OF
23 YEAR AND DURING EMERGENCIES. WE'VE UPDATED THE OUTREACH
24 INFORMATION ON OUR WEBSITE. WE'VE GONE THROUGH VEHICLE
25 MAINTENANCE AND SAFETY CHECKS ON ALL OF OUR ANIMAL CONTROL

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1 VEHICLES AND TRAILERS TO MAKE SURE WE CAN RESCUE THE ANIMALS
2 PROMPTLY AND SAFELY. WE'RE WORKING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF
3 PUBLIC WORKS TO RESOLVE THE SOIL COMPACTION AND DRAINAGE
4 PROBLEMS AT OUR BALDWIN PARK ANIMAL CARE CENTER NOW, SO WE
5 WILL BE TAKING CARE OF THAT. AND WE HAVE OBTAINED 20 EMERGENCY
6 CELL PHONES AND SIX SATELLITE COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS TO BE ABLE
7 TO MAINTAIN COMMUNICATIONS IN THE FIELD IN CASE WE HAVE TO
8 DEPLOY AND ESTABLISH EMERGENCY ANIMAL SHELTERS.

9

10 **JEFF REEB:** THANK YOU, MARCY. BEFORE I OFFER SOME CONCLUDING
11 REMARKS, I WANTED TO DESCRIBE WHAT THE GRAPHICS ARE BEHIND US,
12 MADAME CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. SO YOU CAN SEE THERE
13 ARE TWO GRAPHICS HERE. THIS ONE DATES FROM OCTOBER BUT IT'S
14 THE MOST RECENT CENSUS DATA THAT WE HAVE AND SHOWS WHERE
15 HOMELESS ENCAMPMENTS ARE LOCATED ON [INAUDIBLE] FLOOD CONTROL
16 FEATURES. THIS IS CENSUS DATA PROVIDED BY L.A.H.S.A., SHOWS
17 WHERE HOMELESS ENCAMPMENTS AND VERIFIED BY SHERIFF PATROLS,
18 SHOWS WHERE HOMELESS ENCAMPMENTS ARE LOCATED IN THE WATERSHED
19 FEATURES AND THE BLACK DOTS INDICATE THE EXISTING WINTER
20 SHELTER PROGRAM LOCATIONS. OVER HERE ON THE LEFT AND THESE ARE
21 ALSO IN YOUR PACKET IS WHERE OUR AUGMENTED SITES WILL BE. THEY
22 ARE IN RED. THE SEVEN AUGMENTED SITES ARE IN RED AND THE
23 EXISTING WINTER SHELTER PROGRAMS ARE IN BLACK. THESE WERE JUST
24 PROVIDED TO GIVE YOU A LITTLE BIT MORE DETAIL ABOUT WHERE

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1 SERVICES ARE LOCATED AND SO FORTH IN RELATIONSHIP TO AT-RISK
2 POPULATIONS.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** AND I'M ASSUMING WE'LL FILL IN THE
5 DOTS AS WE MOVE ALONG. YES, SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND THEN
6 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

7

8 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** JUST SOMETHING VERY SPECIFIC, ACTUALLY,
9 ABOUT ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL. WHEN WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE
10 EMERGENCY SHELTER, IT'S BEEN OUR EXPERIENCE IN THE PAST THAT
11 THERE ARE A NUMBER OF HOMELESS FOLKS THAT ARE VERY RELUCTANT
12 TO GO INTO EMERGENCY SHELTERS BECAUSE THEY ARE TOLD THEY CAN'T
13 BRING THEIR DOGS OR THEIR ANIMALS. AND SO WE'VE BEEN TALKING
14 ABOUT HOW TO COLLOCATE WHICH IS SOMETHING I THINK YOU
15 INDICATED YOU WERE LOOKING AT, AS WELL, BUT I THINK PEOPLE
16 DON'T TEND TO TAKE THIS VERY SERIOUSLY WHEN YOU SAY "GIVE US
17 YOUR DOG. WE'LL TAKE CARE OF IT. "IT'S NOT LIKE EVERYBODY HAS
18 A CELL PHONE SO TO SAY WHERE YOUR DOG IS. I THINK IF WE REALLY
19 MEAN TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY SHELTER, IT'S A VERY IMPORTANT THING
20 REALLY TO PAY ATTENTION TO. I'M REALLY GLAD THAT ANIMAL CARE
21 AND CONTROL IS THINKING ABOUT COLLOCATION WITH SOME OF THE
22 EMERGENCY SHELTERS. VERY IMPORTANT.

23

24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

25

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAME CHAIR AND
2 COLLEAGUES. I WANT TO THANK THE DEPARTMENTS FOR TAKING THE
3 STEPS THAT THEY ARE TAKING TO ENSURE THAT OUR RESIDENTS ARE
4 SAFE AND THAT WE AVOID AS MUCH DAMAGE AND CALAMITY AS
5 POSSIBLE, CALL IT HARM, IF YOU WILL. THAT'S VERY IMPORTANT. SO
6 WE WISH TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT. ONE OF THE QUESTIONS THAT I WOULD
7 POSE, THOUGH, IS WHETHER OR NOT WE FEEL ADEQUATELY PREPARED
8 FOR THAT WHICH WE ANTICIPATE. SO I RECOGNIZE THAT THERE'S A
9 BUILDUP HERE, IN TERMS OF PREPARATION. AT WHAT POINT DO WE
10 FEEL LIKE THAT WE MIGHT BE ADEQUATELY PREPARED? ARE WE UP TO
11 IT OR THE THINGS THAT WE NEED TO SHORE UP, AS IT WERE, THE
12 SAME AS THE NEXT PRESENTATION, MADAME CHAIR, THIS IS SOMETHING
13 THAT WE OUGHT TO SPECIFICALLY GET RESPONSES TO. THIS IS NOT AN
14 INVITATION THAT COULD CAUSE YOU TO GET TOO EXCITED AND MAKE
15 EVERY SINGLE REQUEST THAT YOU DREAM UP, BUT IN FACT WE NEED TO
16 BE FULLY ADEQUATELY PREPARED. ONE OF THE QUESTIONS OF
17 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ABOUT THE WORK THAT'S BEING DONE IN THE
18 WATERWAYS AND THE SHELTERS, RIVER BEDS, ET CETERA, DID WE
19 QUANTIFY THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO CURRENTLY RESIDE IN THOSE
20 RIVER BEDS? DO WE KNOW SPECIFICALLY OR APPROXIMATELY HOW MANY
21 SUCH PERSONS? IT MIGHT BE WORTH DOING THAT FURTHER. IT MIGHT
22 WORTH JUST INDICATING HOW MANY SUCH ENVIRONS WE ARE TALKING
23 ABOUT. IT STRIKES ME AS BEING VERY IMPORTANT TO REALIZE THAT
24 IF THERE IS AN IMAGE THAT WOULD BE MOST UNSETTLING, IT'S
25 PRECISELY THAT. EL NI O CREATING THE WORST OF CIRCUMSTANCES OR

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1 CONDITIONS FOR THOSE INDIVIDUALS. IT'S NOT HARD TO IMAGINE
2 WHAT THE CONSEQUENCES WILL BE. SO IF YOU COULD JUST SPECIFY,
3 THAT WOULD BE APPRECIATED. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU ARE PREPARED TO
4 SPECIFY IT NOW. DO WE KNOW THE ANSWER TO THAT NOW?

5

6 **SPEAKER:** YES, SIR. BASED ON THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY
7 L.A.H.S.A., WE CURRENTLY BELIEVE THERE'S 473 PEOPLE RESIDING
8 IN THE WATERWAYS. HOWEVER, WHAT WE DO KEEP IN MIND IS THAT THE
9 TRANSITIONAL PICTURE BASED ON THE TRANSIENT NATURE OF THE
10 POPULATION, THE SITUATIONAL PICTURE DOES CHANGE. AND QUITE
11 OFTEN FROM 24 HOURS TO 24 HOURS, YOU COULD HAVE 8 PEOPLE
12 SOMEWHERE. THE NEXT DAY ZERO. THE NEXT DAY 20. SO IT DOES
13 CHANGE. BUT BASED ON L.A.H.S.A.'S COUNT, THERE'S 473 PEOPLE
14 CURRENTLY WITHIN THE WATERWAYS. RECOGNIZING THAT THAT NUMBER
15 IS A FIXED NUMBER AT A FIXED POINT IN TIME THAT COULD CHANGE.
16 AND HAS CHANGED.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AND THE NUMBER OF WATERWAYS THAT
19 ESSENTIALLY CONSTITUTE THE 400 PLUS INDIVIDUALS, HOW MANY
20 WATERWAYS ARE WE TALKING ABOUT?

21

22 **SPEAKER:** WE USE THE FIVE WATERWAYS DETERMINED BY THE EL NI O
23 TASKFORCE AS THE L.A. RIVER, SAN GABRIEL RIVER, THE RIO HONDO
24 RIVER, THE ARROYO SECO AND THE TUJUNGA WASH, SIR.

25

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AND THE CONCENTRATION OF THOSE, FOR THE
2 BENEFIT OF THOSE WHO ARE LISTENING, ARE IN WHAT PART OF THE
3 COUNTY?
4

5 **SPEAKER:** WITHOUT HAVING THE SPECIFIC DATA IN FRONT OF ME I
6 WOULD SAY THE LARGEST CONCENTRATION IS NORTH. BUT I WILL BE
7 ABLE TO GET MORE SPECIFIC DATA FROM L.A.H.S.A. THE WAY IT'S
8 BROKEN DOWN, SIR, I DON'T BELIEVE IT'S IN THAT MANNER. I'LL BE
9 GLAD TO GET THAT FOR YOU FOR THE NEXT MEETING.
10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THE REASON FOR POSING THE QUESTION IN THAT
12 MANNER IS AS FOLLOWS. THERE IS PERHAPS A PRECONCEIVED NOTION
13 AS TO WHERE THE CRISIS IS MOST CONCENTRATED. THEREFORE, WE
14 SPEND OUR TIME AND OUR ENERGY THINKING OF THAT AND NOT A
15 SECRET TO ANYONE. WE OFTEN THINKS IN TERM OF SKID ROW WHEN WE
16 THINK ABOUT THE HOMELESS CRISIS. BUT THE MORE WE STUDY, THINK,
17 LEARN ABOUT THE CRISIS THAT IS UPON US THAT HAS ENVELOPED US,
18 IT BECOMES CLEAR THAT THIS IS A COUNTYWIDE PROBLEM. THE
19 GRAPHIC IMAGES OF THE WATER BEDS OR THE RIVER BEDS AGAINST THE
20 BACKDROP OF EL NI O IS ONE THAT IS VERY, VERY DISTURBING, THUS
21 THE QUESTION: ARE WE FULLY OR ADEQUATELY PREPARED TO ADDRESS A
22 WORST CASE SCENARIO? IF THERE ARE PERSONS WHO CURRENTLY LIVE
23 IN THOSE RIVER BEDS, WHAT THEN HAPPENS TO THEM? NOT A QUESTION
24 THAT HAS TO BE ANSWERED IMMEDIATELY, BUT IT'S A QUESTION THAT
25 WE MUST BE PREPARED TO ADDRESS BECAUSE IF IN FACT WE ARE NOT

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1 ON THE READY, THE WAY IN WHICH IT REFLECTS ON THIS COUNTY WITH
2 ITS EXTENSIVE CAPACITY WILL NOT BE FAVORABLE. SO I WONDER
3 ABOUT THE DRILLS. I WONDER ABOUT THE PREPARATION FOR SUCH
4 CIRCUMSTANCES. I THINK THE BOARD WOULD BE WELL SERVED TO KNOW
5 PRECISELY HOW THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES-- IN A WORST CASE SCENARIO,
6 WOULD NOT BE IMAGINED, WOULD NOT BE FABRICATED, WOULD BE REAL
7 AND UPON US, HOW WE THEN RESPOND.

8

9 **JEFF REEB:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, OUR COUNTYWIDE
10 PREPAREDNESS FOR A NATURAL DISASTER LIKE SEVERE WEATHER AS A
11 RESULT OF EL NI O IS A PROCESS OF ONGOING PREPAREDNESS. AS
12 LATE AS LAST WEEK, WE CONVENED A TABLETOP EXERCISE FOR 32
13 DEPARTMENTS WHERE WE WENT OVER STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES,
14 OPPORTUNITIES AND THREATS FOR EACH ANALYSIS FOR EACH
15 DEPARTMENT AS THEY PREPARE FOR EL NI O. WE CONDUCT WORKSHOPS
16 FOR OUR PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICERS COUNTYWIDE TO BE SURE THEY
17 CAN SPEAK WITH ONE VOICE AND ARE READY TO PORTRAY THE COUNTY
18 AND ITS SERVICES AND CAPABILITIES AS NECESSARY TO MEET THE
19 DEMAND, WHAT THE MEDIA WILL APPEAR AS A RESULT OF A SEVERE
20 WEATHER EVENT. SO OUR ONGOING PREPAREDNESS CONTINUES
21 THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, INCLUDING TRAINING COUNTY-WIDE AND OUR
22 MEMBER CITIES IN THEIR ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES AND
23 EMERGENCY OPERATION CENTERS, DEPARTMENT OPERATION CENTERS, AND
24 AT COMMAND POSTS.

25

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SO THAT SOUNDS, IN PART, LIKE IT IS
2 DIRECTED TOWARD THE SERVICE PROVIDERS. AND BY THAT I MEAN THE
3 VARIOUS CITY FUNCTIONS, GOVERNMENT FUNCTIONS THAT RESPOND IN
4 THE MOMENT OF CRISIS. WHAT IS HAPPENING IN TERMS OF THE
5 COMMUNITY, THE RESIDENTS, THE CONSTITUENTS IN TERMS OF THEIR
6 LEVEL OF AWARENESS AND RESPONSIVENESS AGAINST THE BACKDROP OF
7 SUCH HARSH CIRCUMSTANCES? IS THERE A PROACTIVE COMMUNITY
8 ENGAGEMENT AGENDA OR CONSEQUENCE? AND LET ME JUST SIMPLY SAY
9 THE DEFINING OF THE OPERATIVE TERM HERE IS PROACTIVE. IT'S ONE
10 THING TO GIVE 911, 311, 211, ETC. IT'S ANOTHER TO BE IN THE
11 HOUSES OF WORSHIP MAKING IT PLAIN. SHERIFFS, FIRE, PUBLIC
12 WORKS THERE PARTICULARLY IN THE FIVE SPACES THAT WE KNOW WE'RE
13 GOING TO BE PARTICULARLY PROBLEMATIC. IS THERE A PRESENCE
14 BEING ESTABLISHED? NOT TO SCARE PEOPLE BUT TO INFORM, EQUIP
15 AND EMPOWER PEOPLE THAT CAN AID OTHERS AND OBVIOUSLY
16 POTENTIALLY AID THEMSELVES, AND OTHER EXAMPLES?

17

18 **JEFF REEB:** WE HAVE SOME EXAMPLES OF THAT OUTREACH. AS AN
19 EXAMPLE, THIS FALL WE SPONSORED PLEDGE TO PREPARE, WHICH WAS
20 FAITH-BASED.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I RECALL. WE WERE THERE.

23

24 **JEFF REEB:** AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT. AND THAT ALLOWED
25 US, WITH YOUR SUPPORT AND THE REST OF THE MEMBERS OF THE

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1 BOARD, WE WERE ABLE TO GET INTO MANY HOUSES OF WORSHIP TO
2 LAUNCH THAT INITIATIVE.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I WANT TO QUANTIFY HOW MANY HOUSES OF
5 WORSHIP YOU WERE ACTUALLY ABLE TO GET INTO AND WHAT EXTENT ARE
6 YOU PREPARED TO INVITE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD TO DO THAT WITH
7 YOU? WITH FULL COUNTY STAFF AND SUPPORT IN TOW? IT SEEMS TO ME
8 WE HAVE TO DO THIS IN A WAY THAT HEIGHTENS AWARENESS IN A
9 DEMONSTRABLE FASHION.

10

11 **JEFF REEB:** YES, SIR. I CAN PROVIDE YOU THE NUMBERS THAT ARE IN
12 OUR NEXT BRIEFING IF YOU LIKE ABOUT THE NUMBER OF HOUSES OF
13 WORSHIP THAT PARTICIPATED IN THAT INITIATIVE. WE'D BE ANXIOUS
14 FOR ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TO GET OUT THERE AND SPREAD OUR
15 PREPAREDNESS INFORMATION.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL AN INVITATION SPECIFIC TO THE BOARD
18 MEMBERS MIGHT BE USEFUL. MADAME CHAIR, AGAIN, I THINK WE OUGHT
19 TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT. I KNOW THAT STEPS
20 ARE BEING TAKEN TO MAKE SURE THAT WE PROTECT OUR MOST
21 VULNERABLE. THAT'S THE THRUST OF MY CONCERNS. EVERYONE HERE
22 WILL BE CONCERNED ABOUT THE IMPACTS OF EL NI O IN TERMS OF
23 YOUR OWN ROOF AS TO WHEN TO LEAVE OR NOT. THAT'S OBVIOUSLY A
24 LEGITIMATE CONCERN. BUT THE CONCERN IS HERE FOR THOSE WHO HAVE
25 NOT A ROOF AND HOW WE THEN RESPOND APPROPRIATELY TO KEEP THEM

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1 FURTHER OUT OF HARM'S WAY. THE BOARD HAS INCREASED FUNDING AND
2 EXPANDED WINTER SHELTER PROGRAMS IN AN ATTEMPT TO BE
3 RESPONSIVE IN THE HERE AND NOW. WE'VE ALSO GIVEN MORE RAPID
4 HOUSING EFFORTS LED BY OUR DEPARTMENT'S HEALTH SERVICES FOR
5 HOUSING, ALL IMPORTANT PROGRAMS. D.H.S. HAS COLLECTED DATA AND
6 WE KNOW THAT THESE PROGRAMS WORK. SO THIS IS ESSENTIALLY THE
7 LAST BOARD MEETING OF THE YEAR, MADAME CHAIR, AND I'M PLEASED
8 THAT WE HAVE THIS ON THE AGENDA. I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE
9 ARE DOING ALL THAT WE CAN BEFORE THE WINTER BREAK. THEREFORE,
10 WITH YOUR PERMISSION, I WANT TO ENTER A MOTION, TWO MOTIONS,
11 AS A MATTER OF FACT, MEMBERS, YOU HAVE SEEN THEM, SEEN THE
12 MOTION. I'D LIKE TO GET IT AS PART OF THE RECORD, R-1.
13 SPONSORED WITH SUPERVISOR KNABE. GIVES INSTRUCTIONS TO THE
14 OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, TO CONTINUE TO CONVENE THE
15 WORKING GROUP OF THE RELEVANT DEPARTMENTS AND ASK THAT WE
16 REVIEW THE RELEVANT MUTUAL AID AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL
17 AGREEMENTS TO ASSESS THEIR POTENTIAL APPLICABILITY TO
18 ANTICIPATE IMPACTS OF EL NIÑO. INSTRUCT THAT WE ASSESS THE
19 APPROPRIATENESS OF TIMING OF REQUESTING THE COUNTY PROCLAIM
20 LOCAL EMERGENCY DUE TO EL NIÑO AND UNDERTAKE ADVANCED PLANNING
21 FOR THE MAKING OF SUCH PROCLAMATION INCLUDING CONSIDERATION OF
22 REQUESTS OF STATE, FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR ASSOCIATED EMERGENCY
23 PROCLAMATIONS. FINALLY TO EVALUATE OUR WORKFORCE, THE COUNTY'S
24 WORKFORCE IN TERMS OF NEEDS RELATIVE TO EL NIÑO CONDITIONS AND
25 THE APPROPRIATE MEANS TO RAPIDLY AUGMENT THE WORKFORCE. LET ME

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1 ASK FOR A REPORT BACK BY JANUARY 5 ON EACH OF THE SUBJECTS
2 IDENTIFIED ABOVE AND OTHER IDENTIFIED ISSUES REGARDING
3 EMERGENCY PLANNING RELATIVE TO EL NIÑO. WE ALSO SUGGEST,
4 MADAME CHAIR, THAT WE DIRECT EXECUTIVE OFFICER IN CONSULTATION
5 WITH COUNTY COUNSEL, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES TO TAKE
6 ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS TO EXPEDITE THE COUNTY'S ABILITY TO
7 PROMPTLY INCREASE THE RATE AT WHICH HOMELESS PERSONS ARE MOVED
8 OFF THE STREETS AND INTO INTERIM AND PERMANENT HOUSING,
9 INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, A, TEMPORARILY INCREASING
10 SPENDING GAPS OF MASTER AGREEMENTS AND/OR WORK ORDERS. B,
11 EXPRESSLY ALLOWING FOR DIRECT EXECUTION OF WORK ORDERS WITH
12 ANY ENTITIES THAT HAVE QUALIFIED UNDER THE MASTER AGREEMENT.
13 AND, C, CONSULTING WITH THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
14 HUMAN RESOURCES TO PROMPTLY IDENTIFY, TRANSFER AND/OR HIRE
15 APPROPRIATE PERSONNEL OR CONTRACT WITH TEMPORARY PERSONNEL TO
16 EXECUTE ANY REQUISITE SERVICE EXPANSIONS. AND, FINALLY,
17 EXPANSION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, HOUSING AND
18 HEALTH PROGRAM. MADAME CHAIR, WE OFFER THESE FOR THE BOARD'S
19 CONSIDERATION BECAUSE IT OUGHT TO BE CLEAR THAT WE ARE BEING
20 AS PROACTIVE AS IS POSSIBLE AGAINST THE BACKDROP OF THESE
21 EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS AND EVENTS IN OUR COUNTY." AND I
22 MEAN THIS TO BE APPLICABLE COUNTY-WIDE. WITH THAT, MADAME
23 CHAIR, I SUBMIT THIS FOR THE BOARD'S UNANIMOUS ADOPTION.
24

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** IT'S BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED. YES,
2 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

3

4 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THE COUNTY
5 COUNSEL A FEW QUESTIONS. RELATIVE TO THE PRICE REGULATION
6 ORDINANCE, DO WE CURRENTLY HAVE AN ORDINANCE LIKE THIS IN
7 PLACE? AND IF WE DO, HOW DOES THIS DIFFER FROM THE CURRENT
8 STATE LAW THAT PROHIBITS PRICE GOUGING?

9

10 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** THANK YOU, MR. SUPERVISOR, OUR RESEARCH
11 HAS NOT UNCOVERED ANY SUCH LAW IN THE COUNTY CODE.

12

13 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** THEN HOW DO WE DIFFER FROM PRICE
14 GOUGING THAT IS ALREADY IN STATE LAW?

15

16 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** THE ORDINANCE WE'RE BEING DIRECTED TO
17 CREATE WOULD LIKELY BE VERY SIMILAR TO THE STATE LAW, BUT
18 UNDER THE STATE LAW, WE ARE ALSO AUTHORIZED, LOCAL
19 MUNICIPALITIES CAN CREATE A MORE AGGRESSIVE ORDINANCE, AS
20 WELL. SO AS WE DRAFT IT, WE WILL BE MEETING WITH THE DIFFERENT
21 BOARD OFFICES TO SEE WHAT POSITION THEY WANT US TO TAKE.

22

23 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** AND WITH THE SEVERITY OF EL NI O,
24 SUPPLIES ARE GOING TO BE DISRUPTED. AS A RESULT, THE PRICE TO
25 THE MARKET OR THE OUTLET WILL ALSO BE INCREASED. SO HOW DO YOU

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1 TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION WHEN THERE ARE INCREASES THAT COULD BE
2 OTHER THAN GOUGING AND MAYBE THAT THE COST OF THE SUPPLIES TO
3 THE RETAIL OUTLET ARE GOING TO INCREASE MAKING UP FOR THAT?

4

5 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** SO OUR RESEARCH TO DATE HAS SHOWN THAT
6 THERE IS AN EXCEPTION IN THE LAW FOR THAT VERY SCENARIO. SO IF
7 BECAUSE OF A DISASTER, AN EMERGENCY, THE SUPPLIERS' PRICES
8 INCREASE, THEN THE BUSINESSES WHO SELL THE SUPPLIERS' GOODS
9 CAN ALSO GO ABOVE THE 10 PERCENT. SO WE'LL BE REPORTING THAT
10 TO YOU ON ALL OF THAT.

11

12 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAME CHAIR, THE DIRECTOR FOR BUSINESS
15 AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS IS HERE. THIS IS IN TANDEM WITH ITEM 8,
16 SO IF HE COULD ADDRESS THE MOTION THAT WE ARE BRINGING FORWARD
17 ON THAT FRONT, THAT IS PRICE GOUGING. IT IS ALREADY
18 ESTABLISHED THAT DURING EMERGENCIES AND DISASTERS, THERE CAN
19 BE HEIGHTENED RISK TO CONSUMERS, THAT BUSINESS OWNERS AND
20 SERVICE PROVIDERS WILL EXPLOIT THE CRISIS AND INCREASE THE
21 PRICES FOR GOODS AND SERVICES THAT ARE ABSOLUTE NECESSITIES.
22 WHEN INDIVIDUALS, THEN FAMILIES, ARE SEEKING TO PRESERVE THEIR
23 HEALTH AND SAFETY, THEY SHOULD NOT HAVE THE ADDED CONCERN
24 ABOUT UNSCRUPULOUS BUSINESS PRACTICES. IT HAS BEEN
25 CONSISTENTLY REPORTED THAT THIS WILL BE THE WORST EL NI O IN

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1 RECENT HISTORY AND WILL LIKELY PRODUCE FLOODING AND OTHER
2 EMERGENCY SITUATIONS. GIVEN THE ANTICIPATED SEVERITY, IT IS
3 IMPORTANT THAT WE HAVE ADEQUATE CONSUMER PROTECTIONS IN THE
4 EVENT THAT THERE IS A SPIKE IN DEMAND FOR FOOD, REPAIR OR
5 OTHER SERVICES, MEDICAL SUPPLIES, ET CETERA, HOUSING, AND
6 THEREFORE IT IS CRITICAL THAT THE PUBLIC BE MADE AWARE OF THE
7 PROTECTIONS AND EDUCATED ABOUT HOW THEY CAN REPORT ANY
8 VIOLATIONS OR ANY ACTS OF EXPLOITATION. WITH YOUR PERMISSION,
9 MADAME CHAIR, I'D LIKE FOR THE DIRECTOR FOR THE CONSUMER AND
10 BUSINESS AFFAIRS TO SEE IF THERE'S ANY ISSUE.

11

12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** PLEASE.

13

14 **BRIAN STIGER:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. MEMBERS. BRIAN STIGER,
15 DIRECTOR OF DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS. IN
16 THE 20 YEARS I'VE BEEN IN THE CONSUMER PROTECTION BUSINESS, I
17 HAVE WORKED DILIGENTLY AFTER DISASTERS HAVE BEEN DECLARED, AND
18 WHAT WE HAVE FOUND IS THAT THERE ARE A LOT OF BUSINESSES THAT
19 TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THOSE THAT ARE DISADVANTAGED. AND WHAT THEY
20 WILL DO IS THEY WILL INCREASE THE PRICES OF CERTAIN GOODS AND
21 SERVICES WELL ABOVE WHAT THE PRICES WERE BEFORE THE DISASTER.
22 THERE IS CURRENT LAW IN PLACE THAT REGULATES THOSE PRICES. I
23 THINK WHAT THE ISSUE IS, IS WHEN THERE IS A BUSINESS THAT IS
24 CLEARLY REGULATED BY A CERTAIN BOARD OR BUREAU, LIKE A
25 CONTRACTOR, IT WORKS VERY WELL. BUT WHEN THERE ARE ISSUES LIKE

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1 A RETAIL STORE WHERE THE JURISDICTION IS A LITTLE BIT CLOUDY,
2 THAT'S WHERE THE PROBLEMS, I THINK, ARE EXACERBATED. SO I
3 THINK HAVING AN ORDINANCE AT THE LOCAL LEVEL WOULD PROVIDE MY
4 DEPARTMENT THE AUTHORITY TO INVESTIGATE THOSE CASES. AND WHEN
5 THERE ARE ALLEGATIONS THAT ARE FOUND TO BE SUBSTANTIATED WHERE
6 A VIOLATION OF LAW, WE WOULD CERTAINLY BE ABLE TO WORK WITH
7 LOCAL PROSECUTORS TO BRING THOSE INDIVIDUALS TO JUSTICE.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAME CHAIR, WITH YOUR PERMISSION, I'D
10 LIKE TO ASK THAT WE DIRECT COUNTY COUNSEL, IN COORDINATION
11 WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, TO
12 REPORT BACK IN 30 DAYS WITH AN ORDINANCE THAT EXPLICATED IN
13 THE MOTION. FINALLY, DIRECT THE DIRECTOR OF CONSUMER AND
14 BUSINESS AFFAIRS TO REPORT BACK WITHIN 21 DAYS WITH A PUBLIC
15 AWARENESS PLAN THAT EDUCATE CONSTITUENTS ABOUT THE RISKS AND
16 PROTECTIONS WITHIN THE COUNTY ORDINANCE AND ANY EXISTING STATE
17 LAW, JUST FOR OUR COLLECTIVE CONSIDERATION.

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

20

21 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** JUST ONE FURTHER THING, I HAD A
22 CONVERSATION WITH COUNTY COUNSEL YESTERDAY ABOUT THE
23 NECESSITY, BECAUSE IF WE APPLY PENALTIES TO FOLKS WHO ARE
24 VIOLATING SOMETHING, IT HAS TO BE VERY CLEAR UNDER THE
25 CONSTITUTION WHAT IT IS. YOU HAVE TO KNOW WHAT A VIOLATION IS

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1 SO THAT YOU CAN AVOID IT. SO WE NEED TO EITHER DECLARE
2 EMERGENCIES OR HAVE SOME OFFICIAL WAY OF LETTING PEOPLE KNOW
3 THIS IS THE TIME THAT THIS STARTS IN THE COUNTY. SO I HAVE
4 CONFIDENCE THAT COUNSEL WILL FIND A WAY TO DO THAT.

5

6 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** YES, SUPERVISOR. AND IN OUR RESEARCH,
7 IT LOOKED LIKE THE DEFINITION OF EMERGENCY IS DEFINED BY THE
8 GOVERNMENT CODES, SO WE WILL BE LOOKING INTO THAT.

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. VERY GOOD. THIS ITEM HAS BEEN--
11 OH.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** COULD I JUST FOLLOW UP WITH THAT QUESTION?

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** SO THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT WE HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL
18 THE STATE OF EMERGENCY IS SIGNED, DECLARATION TO DO IT?

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE HAVE TO DEFINE THAT. WE WOULD
21 NEED. COUNSEL?

22

23 **SUP. KNABE:** MARY?

24

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1 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 8630, IT
2 PROVIDES FOR THE LOCAL GOVERNING BODY TO PROCLAIM THAT A LOCAL
3 EMERGENCY EXISTS. AND SO UNDER OUR ORDINANCE--

4

5 **SUP. KNABE:** WE CAN DO IT AT THAT MOMENT IN TIME, NOT TO THE
6 NEXT WHERE WE GET STATE OR FEDERAL OR STATE REIMBURSEMENT,
7 CORRECT?

8

9 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** CORRECT.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** EXACTLY.

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. IF THERE IS NO FURTHER
14 QUESTIONS, THIS IS A REPORT BUT WE HAD AN ITEM THAT WAS JOINED
15 WITH THIS AND THAT COVERED, I BELIEVE, MOST OF THE DISCUSSION
16 THAT WE HAD HERE AND THE DIRECTIVES TO STAFF AND COUNTY
17 COUNSEL. YES. R-1 AND 8. ITEM 8.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SO MOVED, MADAME CHAIR.

20

21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. IT'S BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED.
22 BUT BEFORE WE OFFICIATE THAT, I DO WANT TO CALL UP SOME PUBLIC
23 SPEAKERS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. STIGER. WE HAVE GENEVIEVE
24 CLAVREUL. WE HAVE ARNOLD SACHS, JOHN WALSH AND ERIC PREVEN.

25

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1 **ERIC PREVEN:** DO YOU WANT ME TO WAIT? I WILL BE EXTREMELY
2 BRIEF. THANK YOU FOR THIS EXHAUSTIVE AND THOROUGH REPORT ON EL
3 NI O. WE ARE ALL HOPING THAT IT IS NOT AS BAD AS REPORTED AND
4 THAT WE CAN DO SOME SMART THINGS. I WOULD JUST NOTE THAT ON
5 ITEM 7 TODAY YOU HAVE A HOMELESS COUNT ON JANUARY 20
6 SOMETHING. THAT MAY BE MORE OF A RESCUE THAN A COUNT. I THINK
7 WE SHOULD SEE IF-- I KNOW THERE'S NOT TYPICALLY A LOT OF MONEY
8 IN THOSE COUNTS BUT YOU MIGHT THINK ABOUT REAPPLYING THAT OR
9 LOOKING CLOSELY. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

12

13 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL.
14 I AM VERY IMPRESSED. I THINK THAT'S A VERY GOOD PLAN. THE ONLY
15 THING I DO NOT HEAR IS AN EMPHASIS ABOUT DISASTER MEDICINE IN
16 PARIS, WHY THEY WERE ABLE TO RESPOND SO QUICKLY AND PREVENT A
17 LOT OF DEATHS IS BECAUSE THEY HAD DEVELOPED A NEW SPECIALTY
18 WHICH IS CALLED DISASTER MEDICINE WHERE PEOPLE ARE
19 SPECIFICALLY TRAINED TO DEAL IN TIME OF CRISIS. AND ALSO
20 DEVELOP EQUIPMENT IS MUCH EASIER TO UTILIZE AND SO ON DURING
21 DISASTER. SO I THINK IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT TO LOOK AT THAT.
22 AND ACTUALLY THERE IS A MEETING IN JANUARY 27 AT THE INSTITUTE
23 OF MEDICINE ON THAT ISSUE, HOW TO IN THE U.S. TRAIN PEOPLE TO
24 TAKE DISASTER MEDICINE, WHICH IS VERY DIFFERENT FROM EMERGENCY

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1 MEDICINE. SO I THINK THAT'S WHAT I THINK YOU SHOULD BE LOOKING
2 AT.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

5

6 **JOHN WALSH:** JOHN WALSH BLOGGING AT HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG OR
7 JWALSHCONFIDENTIAL TWEETING AT @HOLLYWOODDEMS. ON THIS ISSUE,
8 YOU'RE DOING A GOOD JOB. WHEN YOU DO A GOOD JOB, I'M THE FIRST
9 TO CONGRATULATE YOU. OTHERWISE, I'M THE FIRST TO CASTIGATE
10 YOU. BUT HERE'S THE PROBLEM. THE OTHER CITIES THAT ARE NOT
11 DOING THEIR JOB TO FIGHT EL NI O. SO IT'S ALL ON THE COUNTY.
12 CULVER CITY, PRACTICALLY NO MONEY FIGHTING THE EL NI O.
13 BEVERLY HILLS, OF COURSE, NO MONEY. GLENDALE PRACTICALLY NO
14 MONEY. WEST HOLLYWOOD, PRACTICALLY NO MONEY. GLENDALE?
15 PRACTICALLY NO MONEY. THEY HAVE DECIDED THAT THE COUNTY
16 TAXPAYERS WILL PAY ALL THE MONEY. AND THIS IS WHAT'S GOING
17 HAPPEN WHEN EL NI O HITS. ALL OF THESE CITIES, TENS OF
18 THOUSANDS OF THESE CITIES, TENS OF THOUSANDS OF CITIZENS FROM
19 THESE CITIES WILL FLOOD THE COUNTY THE COUNTY'S HOSPICES. THEY
20 WILL FLOOD. THERE WILL BE CHAOS BECAUSE-- I DON'T NEED THE
21 FULL TWO MINUTES-- THERE IS NO COOPERATION ON FIGHTING EL NI O
22 BETWEEN THE CITIES AND COUNTIES. AND THE COUNTY OF L.A. AND IF
23 I AM FALSE, CORRECT ME RIGHT AWAY. AND IF YOU SAY NOTHING, IT
24 MEANS EVERYTHING I SAID WAS TRUE. HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG.

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE.

2

3 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. ARNOLD SACHS. SOME OF THE THINGS
4 TO TALK ABOUT, YOU TALK ABOUT THE COMMUNICATIONS ABILITY. SO
5 WHAT'S THE STATUS OF L.A.R.I.C.S. IN THE COUNTY? SOMEBODY
6 MENTIONED THEY'RE CONSIDERING CITY FACILITIES. I DIDN'T HEAR
7 ANYTHING DISCUSSED ABOUT PETS OR ANIMALS. WITH ANYBODY IN
8 HOMELESS FACILITIES. WHO HAS THE OVERSIGHT OF THE FACILITIES
9 THAT WILL BE OPENED UP TO HOUSE PEOPLE IN THE RAINSTORM? IT
10 WOULD BE PRIVATELY OVERSEEN? OR OVERSEEN BY COUNTY EMPLOYEES,
11 SHERIFFS? WHO HAS THE OVERSIGHT? THERE'S A LOT OF PROBLEMS IN
12 SOME OF THE SHELTERS RIGHT NOW THAT ARE RUN BY PUBLIC-PRIVATE
13 PARTNERSHIPS. PEOPLE REFUSE TO GO BECAUSE THERE'S AN INITIATED
14 PECKING ORDER THAT'S INVOLVED THAT DOESN'T GET PLAYED OUT TOO
15 OFTEN IN THE PUBLIC POINT OF VIEW. BUT THESE SHELTERS HAVE A
16 BUILT-IN PECKING ORDER THAT CERTAIN PEOPLE GET ASSIGNED FOR
17 OVERSIGHT AND EVERYTHING THAT YOU WANT IF YOU GO TO ONE OF
18 THOSE SHELTERS WILL COST YOU SOMETHING, WHETHER IT'S
19 MONETARILY OR SOMETHING YOU HAVE TO PAY TO PROTECT YOUR GOODS.
20 SO WHO HAS OVERSIGHT OF THESE? YOU HAVE FOUR COMMUNITIES FOR
21 THE EMANCIPATED YOUTH. WHY ISN'T SOMEBODY DEALING WITH
22 L.A.H.S.A., AND NOT L.A.C.O.H. A., THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
23 HOUSING AUTHORITY. WHY NOT L.A.C.O.H.A.? WE DIDN'T HEAR
24 ANYTHING ABOUT ANY TRANSIT PROBLEMS. I KNOW THAT THE 105
25 FREEWAY IN DOWNEY, IS GOING TO BE A FLOOD ZONE IF IT DRIZZLES.

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1 LAX, IMPERIAL HIGHWAY AND SEPULVEDA, SOME OF THESE PLACES THAT
2 HAVE BUILT-IN ATTRACTION TO WATER LAYING LOW, WHAT WOULD BE
3 THE TRANSIT SITUATION? WE DIDN'T HEAR ANY PROGRAM ABOUT THAT.
4 LOCAL GOVERNING BODIES DECIDING IT'S AN EMERGENCY. DOES THAT
5 MEAN COUNTY OR CITY LOCAL GOVERNING BODY? BECAUSE YOU'RE THE
6 GOVERNING BODY FOR THE COUNTY AND THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS NOT
7 THE CITIES.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MEMBERS, THIS
10 ITEM HAS BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED, SO ORDERED. OUR NEXT ITEM UP
11 IS ITEM NO. 4, CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION. AND THIS IS
12 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND KUEHL. WE HAVE O.I.G. MR.
13 HUNTSMAN AND ALSO I BELIEVE ALSO THE SHERIFF. WELCOME.

14

15 **MAX HUNTSMAN:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISOR.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAME CHAIR, I THINK IT IS USEFUL TO
18 ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE HAVE QUITE A BIT TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT
19 WITH RESPECT TO THE ISSUE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AND THE
20 ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE. CLEARLY THESE ARE CHALLENGING TIMES
21 FOR OUR NATION, OUR REGION, OUR COUNTY. BUT THE EXECUTION OF
22 THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THIS BOARD AND THIS AGENT AND THE
23 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS VERY, VERY IMPORTANT. MIGHT I SAY THAT
24 COUNTY COUNSEL WORKED VERY HARD ON THIS ISSUE AS YOU WELL KNOW
25 AND HAS FOR THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS. THE OFFICE OF THE

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1 INSPECTOR GENERAL HAS LIKEWISE AND OF COURSE THEN THE
2 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. AND I THINK IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR US TO
3 TAKE THE INITIAL PART OF THIS CONVERSATION, MADAME CHAIR, AND
4 HEAR FROM THE RESPECTIVE PARTIES AS TO HOW WE MOVE FORWARD.
5 THERE'S A MOTION BEFORE US TO DO SO. THIS, THEN, BECOMES A KEY
6 COMPONENT TO THE WORK THAT WILL COME BEFORE THE BOARD IN
7 JANUARY, NAMELY TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF THE OVERSIGHT
8 COMMISSION ITSELF. WHAT'S BEFORE US ON THIS ITEM IS EXECUTION
9 OF A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR
10 GENERAL AND THE DEPARTMENT, THAT IS THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.
11 SO AS YOU WISH, WE CAN HEAR FROM THE COUNTY COUNSEL IF SHE
12 WISHES TO LEAD FOLLOWED BY THE INSPECTOR GENERAL AND FINALLY
13 THE SHERIFF IN THAT ORDER.

14

15 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.
16 THIS IS A GREAT DAY. I MEAN, WE HAVE WORKED COLLABORATIVELY
17 WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR
18 GENERAL ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD TO PUT IN PLACE THE AGREEMENT
19 THAT'S BEFORE THE BOARD TODAY, WHICH AS MAX AND JIM WILL SPEAK
20 TO, GIVES UNPRECEDENTED ACCESS TO CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION.
21 IMPORTANTLY, THOUGH, WE BELIEVE THAT THAT ACCESS IS PROTECTED.
22 IT'S NOT BEING RELEASED TO THE PUBLIC. IT REMAINS CONFIDENTIAL
23 AND IS SHARED WITHIN AN EMPLOYING AGENCY UMBRELLA UNDER THE
24 BOARD'S SUPERVISION. SO I'LL TURN IT OVER TO THE INSPECTOR
25 GENERAL AND THE SHERIFF.

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1

2 **MAX HUNTSMAN:** THANK YOU, AND THANK YOU, BOARD. I'D LIKE TO

3 BEGIN BY THANKING THIS BOARD FOR ITS CONTINUING STRONG

4 COMMITMENT TO CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT. TWO YEARS

5 AGO WHEN YOU HIRED ME, I ASKED YOU TO REJECT ONE OF THE

6 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITIZENS COMMISSION ON JAIL VIOLENCE.

7 AT THAT TIME, MONITORING OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WAS DONE

8 BY INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS WHO HAD AN ATTORNEY-CLIENT

9 RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SHERIFF. THE C.C.J.V. ASSUMED THAT AN

10 INSPECTOR GENERAL WOULD NEED TO BE AN ATTORNEY FOR THE SHERIFF

11 TO GET ACCESS TO CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION. I ASKED THIS BOARD

12 TO REJECT THAT APPROACH AND INSTEAD BASE THE NEW OFFICE YOU

13 CREATED ON YOUR DUTY UNDER THE GOVERNMENT CODE TO SUPERVISE

14 ALL COUNTY EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING DEPUTY SHERIFFS. I WANT TO

15 THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING ME IN THAT REQUEST. I WANT TO THANK

16 THE MANY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE TIRELESSLY ADVOCATED

17 FOR KEEPING THE INSPECTOR GENERAL INDEPENDENT. I WANT TO THANK

18 COUNTY COUNSEL, ESPECIALLY MARY WICKHAM, WHO HAS PERSONALLY

19 ENGAGED ON THIS POINT TO GREAT EFFECT FOR PROVIDING THE LEGAL

20 ANALYSIS TO SUPPORT THIS APPROACH. AND I WANT TO THANK THE

21 SHERIFF FOR WORKING WITH US TO IMPLEMENT THAT LAW SO THAT MY

22 STAFF WILL HAVE FULL ACCESS WITHOUT INTERFERING WITH HIS

23 INVESTIGATIVE AUTHORITY. FINALLY, I WANT TO THANK MY

24 INCREDIBLE STAFF FOR THEIR HARD WORK IN THE PAST YEAR AND THE

25 HARD WORK TO COME. THE M.O.A. IN FRONT OF YOU IS A CRITICAL

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1 STEP IN THE PROCESS WE'RE TALKING ABOUT, BUT IT IS JUST A
2 STEP. AS YOUR MOTION DIRECTS, I WILL REPORT BACK ON THE
3 RESULTS. THERE ARE SOME ASPECTS OF THE M.O.A. THAT ARE OPEN TO
4 INTERPRETATION. AND WHILE I'VE HAD MANY DISCUSSIONS WITH THE
5 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND I THINK I KNOW HOW THEY'LL BE
6 INTERPRETED, YOU AND THE PUBLIC WILL SOON KNOW EXACTLY HOW IT
7 WORKS. WE WILL LOG ALL OUR REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION AND WE'LL
8 WORK WITH THE DEPARTMENT TO BE SURE BOTH PARTIES MAKE INFORMED
9 DECISIONS ON HOW TO IMPLEMENT IT. I ANTICIPATE THAT THE
10 SHERIFF WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO PROVIDE US SMOOTH ACCESS AND
11 TO INTERPRET THE M.O.A. GENEROUSLY. FOR MY PART, I WILL MAKE
12 SURE THAT NO CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION IS DISCLOSED IN
13 VIOLATION OF LAW. THEN THIS BOARD AND THE PUBLIC WILL BE ABLE
14 TO DECIDE ON ITS NEXT STEPS. THIS BOARD HAS ALREADY VOTED TO
15 IMPLEMENT THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION. I KNOW THERE ARE
16 MANY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH THAT THAT COMMISSION WERE
17 ALREADY IN PLACE. SO DO I. BUT WE ARE CREATING SOMETHING THAT
18 HAS NEVER BEEN TRIED BEFORE. YES, A CHARTER AMENDMENT, A VOTE
19 OF THE PUBLIC, HAS BEEN DONE, HAS DONE SOMETHING LIKE THIS,
20 WHAT WE'RE DOING, ALTHOUGH I POINT OUT THAT IN SAN DIEGO, THEY
21 ONLY HAVE A COUPLE OF INVESTIGATORS, AND YOU'VE GIVEN ME A
22 STAFF OF 24. BUT THIS BOARD IS NOT WAITING FOR SOMEONE ELSE TO
23 ACT AND HAS TAKEN DIRECT ACTION UNDER ITS OWN AUTHORITY.
24 THAT'S UNIQUE. LIKE ANYTHING UNIQUE, IT HAS TO BE DONE
25 CAREFULLY SO THAT THE LEGAL AND PRACTICAL FOUNDATIONS WILL

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1 SUPPORT WHAT IS BUILT. WE ARE CREATING SOMETHING THAT I HOPE
2 WILL BENEFIT THE PUBLIC FOR MANY YEARS TO COME. I BELIEVE WE
3 ARE ALSO CREATING SOMETHING THAT WILL BE FLEXIBLE ENOUGH THAT
4 WE WILL BE ABLE TO IMPROVE IT OVER THE YEARS WITHOUT SCRAPPING
5 IT. ALTHOUGH THE POWERS OF THE COMMISSION ARE NOT BEFORE THE
6 BOARD TODAY THEY ARE OF GREAT INTEREST TO THE PUBLIC. THE
7 BOARD HAS BEEN ADVISED BY COUNTY COUNSEL CORRECTLY THAT IT
8 DOES NOT HAVE THE LEGAL AUTHORITY TO CONFER SUBPOENA POWER ON
9 A COMMISSION. IN ANY EVENT, THIS BOARD HAS SUBPOENA POWER. BUT
10 ALTHOUGH IT HAS BEEN ADVOCATING FOR TRANSPARENCY FOR DECADES,
11 IT DOES NOT HAVE DIRECT, RELIABLE ACCESS TO A GREAT DEAL OF
12 CONFIDENTIAL L.A.S.D. INFORMATION. THAT FACT IS NOT FOR LACK
13 OF INTEREST OR EFFORT. THERE ARE REAL, LEGAL, AND PRACTICAL
14 OBSTACLES. BY AUTHORIZING THIS M.O.A., THE BOARD IS TAKING A
15 SIGNIFICANT STEP FORWARD IN THE DIRECTION OF TRANSPARENCY AND
16 OPEN POLICING. IT ISN'T THE FIRST STEP AND IT WON'T BE THE
17 LAST. I LOOK FORWARD TO PUBLICLY PROVIDING THIS BOARD WITH
18 DETAILED REPORTS ON HOW OUR ORDINANCE AND THE GOVERNMENT CODE
19 ARE BEING IMPLEMENTED UNDER THIS M.O.A. I THINK THIS
20 INFORMATION WILL BE CRITICAL TO THE BOARD'S DELIBERATION ON
21 HOW TO EMPOWER AN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION IN A WAY THAT ENABLES
22 SUPERVISION BUT DOES NOT INTERFERE WITH THE INVESTIGATIVE
23 AUTHORITY OF THE SHERIFF AS STATE LAW REQUIRES. WHATEVER
24 CHOICE THIS BOARD ULTIMATELY MAKES, I WILL DO EVERYTHING IN MY
25 POWER TO ENABLE THAT COMMISSION TO DO ITS JOB WELL. I LOOK

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1 FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THE PUBLIC, THIS BOARD, THE COMMISSION
2 AND THE SHERIFF TO KEEP ALL THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY
3 SAFE. THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SHERIFF, YES.

6

7 **SHERIFF JIM MCDONNELL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS
8 OF THE BOARD. THIS TRULY IS A HISTORIC MOMENT. I'VE SIGNED THE
9 M.O.A. WITH THE INSPECTOR GENERAL AND WITH YOUR PARTNERSHIP
10 AND LEADERSHIP, THE L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND L.A.
11 COUNTY WILL BE LEADING THE NATION IN AGREEING TO A PROCESS
12 THAT FURTHERS TRANSPARENCY, THAT WILL BRING ENHANCED
13 ACCOUNTABILITY AT A TIME WHEN TOO MANY LAW ENFORCEMENT AND
14 COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIPS ARE GOING THROUGH SOME VERY STRESSFUL
15 TIMES. I'VE MADE CLEAR FROM THE TIME BEFORE I TOOK OFFICE MY
16 COMMITMENT TO THESE PRINCIPLES AND TO PROVIDING THE O.I.G.
17 WITH THE FULLEST ACCESS ALLOWABLE BY LAW. INDEED, WE'VE
18 PROVIDED THE INSPECTOR GENERAL AND HIS STAFF EXTENSIVE ACCESS
19 TO OPERATIONS, INVESTIGATIONS, AUDITS, MEMOS, STAFF AND
20 MEETINGS TO ENABLE THEIR OVERSIGHT TO MOVE FORWARD EVEN AS WE
21 WORKED TOGETHER TO FINALIZE A MUTUALLY AGREEABLE AND LAWFUL
22 MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT OVER THESE LAST SEVERAL MONTHS. I
23 STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT THE L.A.S.D. WILL BE BETTER IF WE HAVE
24 AN EFFECTIVE INSPECTOR GENERAL. I'VE SAID REPEATEDLY THAT WE
25 NEED TO WELCOME AND NOT FEAR THE WATCHFUL EYE OF OUR COMMUNITY

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1 AND I ALSO STRESSED WE MUST PROMOTE EFFECTIVE EXTERNAL AS WELL
2 AS INTERNAL OVERSIGHT. BOTH ARE A KEY PART OF ENABLING US TO
3 CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD. IN FACT, THIS MONTH I'LL BE
4 FINALIZING THE PROCESS OF BRINGING ON BOARD OUR SECOND
5 CONSTITUTIONAL POLICING ADVISER, WHICH IS YET ANOTHER HISTORIC
6 MILESTONE IN OUR DEPARTMENT AS WELL AS NATIONALLY. I
7 APPRECIATE THE EFFORTS OF THE O.I.G., THE COUNTY COUNSEL, ALL
8 OF OUR L.A.S.D. PERSONNEL INCLUDING THE MAN BESIDE ME TODAY
9 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, NEAL TYLER, WHO REPRESENTED US THROUGHOUT
10 TO MEET, DISCUSS, DRAFT, REDRAFT AND THOUGHTFULLY CONSIDER
11 MANY REVISIONS OF THIS M.O.A. OVER THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS. I
12 ALSO APPRECIATE THE INVALUABLE INPUT FROM UNION
13 REPRESENTATIVES AS WELL AS THE MEMBERS OF OUR D.A.'S OFFICE
14 AND YOUR OWN OFFICES THROUGHOUT THIS ENTIRE PROCESS. THIS WAS
15 A LABORIOUS AND TIME CONSUMING ENDEAVOR THAT REQUIRED PATIENCE
16 AND A WILLINGNESS TO THOUGHTFULLY BALANCE MANY AND AT TIMES
17 COMPETING CONCERNS. WE ATTEMPTED HERE TO STRIKE A BALANCE.
18 WHILE WE'RE ALL COMMITTED TO STARTING POINT OF TRANSPARENCY
19 AND ACCESS, WE ALSO NEED TO BE EQUALLY AWARE AND APPRECIATIVE
20 OF LEGAL BARRIERS. NO ONE WANTED TO SIGN INTO AN AGREEMENT
21 THAT WOULD BE AN INVITATION TO LITIGATION. ENSURING THAT
22 NOTHING WE DO INFRINGES ON THE INTEGRITY AND EFFICACY OF
23 ONGOING INVESTIGATIONS AND THEN PRIVACY PROTECTIONS THAT LAW
24 ENFORCEMENT IS ENTITLED TO INSIST ON AND THAT WE'RE EMBEDDING
25 IN THE EXISTING LAWS. AT THE END OF THE DAY, THIS AGREEMENT

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1 APPROPRIATELY STRIKES A BALANCE AMONG THOSE CONCERNS. AS WE
2 START TO IMPLEMENT THIS AGREEMENT, I REMAIN DEEPLY COMMITTED
3 TO A RELATIONSHIP WITH THE INSPECTOR GENERAL THAT ENHANCES OUR
4 ONGOING EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S
5 DEPARTMENT. WORKING TOGETHER WE CAN AND WE WILL MAKE THIS
6 ORGANIZATION THE FINE EAST IN THE NATION. I SIMILARLY CONTINUE
7 TO BELIEVE THAT THERE'S GREAT VALUE IN CREATING AN INDEPENDENT
8 ADVISORY CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT BODY THAT WOULD SERVE AS A CONDUIT
9 BETWEEN THE L.A.S.D. AND OUR COMMUNITY AND BE ENGAGED PARTNERS
10 IN OUR ONGOING EFFORTS TO ADDRESS EXISTING CHALLENGES AND MOVE
11 OUR DEPARTMENT BEYOND PAST ISSUES. I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING
12 WITH YOU ON THAT EFFORT, AS WELL. MY THANKS AGAIN TO THE BOARD
13 AND TO OUR INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR HELPING US TO FINALIZE THIS
14 HISTORIC AGREEMENT TODAY. THANK YOU ALL.

15

16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SUPERVISOR
17 RIDLEY-THOMAS? KUEHL? OKAY. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

18

19 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** SHERIFF, THIS CONFIDENTIAL
20 INFORMATION WOULD BE INADVERTENTLY RELEASED, WHAT IS YOUR-- DO
21 YOU THEN SUPPORT THIS COMMISSION OR WE WOULD MOVE TO ABOLISH
22 THE COMMISSION?

23

24 **SHERIFF JIM MCDONNELL:** WELL, WE ARE WELL AWARE THE
25 RELATIONSHIP WITH I.G. AND THE I.G. HAS WITH US IS ONE OF

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1 MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING, THAT THEY'RE GIVEN ACCESS TO THIS
2 INFORMATION, WHICH IS VERY SENSITIVE, WITH A CAVEAT THAT IT
3 NOT BE RELEASED BEYOND THE OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL,
4 THAT THEY'LL REPORT OUT FROM A 30,000-FOOT VIEW ON TRENDS AND
5 PATTERNS AND ISSUES THAT WE NEED TO DEAL WITH BUT NOT WHERE IT
6 WOULD DIVULGE SENSITIVE PERSONNEL INFORMATION. WE'RE ALL ON
7 THE SAME PAGE ON THAT. THE M.O.A. IS A MEMORANDUM OF--
8 MEMORANDA OF AGREEMENT AND WE'VE AGREED TO THAT. SO IF THERE
9 WAS A BREACH IN THAT, THEN CERTAINLY WE WOULD SIT DOWN AND SEE
10 WHERE WE ARE RELATIVE TO THAT. BUT IT CERTAINLY PUTS IT IN
11 JEOPARDY IF WE WOULD SEE THAT KIND OF ACTION.

12

13 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** HOW DO WE ENSURE THAT ADVANCE NOTICE
14 TO DEPUTIES, IF THEY'RE BEING REVIEWED, IS GOING TO BE
15 PROVIDED TO THEM? THEIR ASSOCIATION.

16

17 **SHERIFF JIM MCDONNELL:** LET ME, IF I COULD ON THAT QUESTION,
18 THAT'S A LEGAL QUESTION. I'LL DEFER TO THE COUNTY COUNSEL ON
19 THE SPECIFICS OF THAT.

20

21 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** THANK YOU, SHERIFF, AND THANK YOU,
22 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. SO LEGALLY WHAT WE CONTEMPLATE HERE
23 THROUGH THE M.O.A. IS THAT THE HANDING OVER OF CONFIDENTIAL
24 INFORMATION BY THE SHERIFF TO THE INSPECTOR GENERAL IS NOT
25 MAKING THAT INFORMATION PUBLIC. IT RETAINS ITS PRIVACY. IT

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1 RETAINS CONFIDENTIALITY BECAUSE THE O.I.G., THE SHERIFF, UNDER
2 THE UMBRELLA OF THE BOARD, ARE ALL PART OF THE EMPLOYING
3 AGENCY. THEY ARE THE EMPLOYER. SO RULES THAT ARE IMPLICATED
4 WHEN SUCH RECORDS ARE MADE PUBLIC LIKE PENAL CODE SECTION
5 832.7 AND .8 AREN'T IMPLICATED UNDER THE HANDING OVER OF THESE
6 RECORDS UNDER THE M.O.A. WOULD YOU LIKE TO ADD TO THAT?

7

8 **MAX HUNTSMAN:** I'D JUST LIKE TO ADD THAT AS CURRENTLY CREATED,
9 THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL DOES NOT INVESTIGATE
10 INDIVIDUAL DEPUTIES FOR DISCIPLINE PURPOSES. THE INFORMATION
11 WE OBTAIN, AS THE SHERIFF HAS EXPLAINED, IS ALSO THAT WE CAN
12 ADVISE THE BOARD AND THE PUBLIC FROM THAT HIGHER LEVEL ABOUT
13 TRENDS AND REFORMS THAT WE CAN DO IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.
14 SO THAT NEED FOR NOTICE, FOR INSTANCE, THAT THE SHERIFF HAS
15 CERTAIN OBLIGATIONS WITH RESPECT TO ITS EMPLOYEES. WHAT WE'RE
16 DOING IS A DIFFERENT FUNCTION.

17

18 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** MAX, YOU ALSO HAD YOUR STAFF TO SIGN
19 CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENTS TO ADDRESS THE SUPERVISOR'S
20 CONCERN, THOUGH?

21

22 **MAX HUNTSMAN:** WE'VE PREPARED AN EXTENSIVE CONFIDENTIALITY
23 POLICY WE TALKED ABOUT IT WITH OUR STAFF A LOT. WE'VE ADJUSTED
24 OUR PHYSICAL PLANT FOR SAFETY. WE ENTHUSIASTICALLY JOINED IN A
25 NUMBER OF PROCEDURES IN THE M.O.A. THAT WILL ALLOW US TO MAKE

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1 SURE THAT THE MOST SENSITIVE INFORMATION NEVER EVEN LEAVES THE
2 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. AND THEN OF COURSE WE'LL HAVE EACH OF
3 OUR EMPLOYEES SIGN THAT THEY UNDERSTAND WHAT'S WRITTEN INTO
4 THIS M.O.A., WHICH IS IF THEY DON'T TAKE THIS SERIOUSLY AS THE
5 LAW REQUIRES, THEY CAN BE FIRED, THEY CAN BE PROSECUTED. I
6 MEAN THERE ARE PROVISIONS IN PLACE TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY TAKE
7 IT TO HEART. BUT I ALSO HIRED ALL THESE PEOPLE AND I HAD THIS
8 CONVERSATION WITH THEM WHEN I HIRED THEM, IN GREAT DETAIL.
9 IT'S THE MISSION, THAT WE NOT SPEAK OUT OF TURN.

10

11 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** COUNSEL, THIS M.O.A. NEEDS TO BE
12 REVISED ONCE AGAIN AFTER THE COMMISSION IS ESTABLISHED?

13

14 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** WE CONTEMPLATE, AND IT WILL BE AT THE
15 BOARD'S, YOU KNOW, DIRECTION THAT THE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION
16 COULD SIGN ON TO THE M.O.A. THAT WILL BE AT THE BOARD'S
17 DISCRETION. I MEAN, THEY DON'T NEED TO BE. THEY CAN BE. IT'S
18 WHAT THE BOARD DESIRES.

19

20 **SHERIFF JIM MCDONNELL:** IF I COULD, TOO, AS A FOLLOW UP ON
21 THAT. OUR M.O.A. IS WITH THE INSPECTOR GENERAL. THE BOARD,
22 THEN, IS AN OVERSIGHT BOARD FOR THE I.G. THE INFORMATION THAT
23 WE ARE TALKING ABOUT HERE IS SHARED WITH THE O.I.G., NOT WITH
24 THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, NOT WITH THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,

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1 NOT WITH ANYBODY BEYOND THE SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP THAT WE HAVE
2 WITH THE O.I.G. AND HIS OFFICE.

3

4 **MARY WICKHAM:** THAT IS ABSOLUTELY CORRECT. AND UNDER THE ORG
5 CHART THAT WE CONTEMPLATE, I MEAN MAX HAS AN ATTORNEY/CLIENT
6 RELATIONSHIP ALREADY PROPOSED. THAT MAX HAS AN ATTORNEY/CLIENT
7 RELATIONSHIP WITH THE COMMISSION. SO ANY INFORMATION THAT'S
8 GIVEN TO YOU WOULD THEN BE SHARED WITH THE OVERSIGHT
9 COMMISSION IN A PRIVILEGED MANNER.

10

11 **MAX HUNTSMAN:** THE CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION AS IT'S CURRENTLY
12 WRITTEN WOULD NOT BE PASSED ALONG TO THE COMMISSION.

13

14 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGE OF
15 INFORMATION WOULD NOT, BUT OTHER INFORMATION.

16

17 **MAX HUNTSMAN:** INFORMATION WHICH IS NOT CONFIDENTIAL, WHICH IS
18 OTHERWISE NOT SENSITIVE, I BELIEVE THE M.O.A. SPEAKS TO THIS,
19 AND CERTAINLY WE'RE IN AGREEMENT THAT THAT ALL CAN BE PROVIDED
20 BOTH TO THE BOARD AND TO THE COMMISSION. AND THEN EVEN WHEN
21 THERE'S CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION THAT DOES NOT GO BEYOND THE
22 O.I.G.'S OFFICE, WE CAN AND MUST SUMMARIZE IT AND PROVIDE THE
23 RESULTS OF IT. SO IF I LOOK AT A SERIES OF SHOOTINGS AND SEE A
24 TREND THAT IS TROUBLING, THEN I ABSOLUTELY HAVE AN OBLIGATION
25 TO PASS THAT ALONG TO THE COMMISSION AND TO THE BOARD IN THAT

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1 PROCESS. I JUST CAN'T PROVIDE THE CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION
2 UNDERLYING IT. AND THEN THE BOARD OR THE COMMISSION IS IN A
3 POSITION TO HAVE A DIRECT COMMUNICATION WITH THE SHERIFF OF
4 WHATEVER THAT ISSUE IS. AND THE WORKING GROUPS' UNDERSTANDING
5 WAS THAT THAT WAS THE STEP THE COMMISSION WOULD TAKE. THEY
6 WOULD HAVE A RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SHERIFF, A DIRECT ONE, IN
7 WHICH THEY WOULD COMMUNICATE WITH A SHERIFF AT A MEETING AND
8 ADDRESS THAT PROBLEM. BUT I SIMPLY CANNOT PASS ON CONFIDENTIAL
9 INFORMATION UNDER THIS AGREEMENT OR UNDER MY ORDINANCE
10 CURRENTLY.

11

12 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** YOU REALLY DON'T NEED THE BOARD TO
13 APPROVE THIS TODAY BECAUSE YOU TWO WILL BE MAKING AN
14 AGREEMENT. YOU DON'T NEED THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO GIVE A
15 RATIFICATION TO THAT.

16

17 **SHERIFF JIM MCDONNELL:** JUST THAT I NEED TO BE TOLD THAT YOU
18 WANT ME TO SIGN IT SO I KNOW THIS IS REALLY WHAT THE BOARD
19 WANTS. YOU'VE ALREADY PASSED AN ORDINANCE. AND THERE'S A STATE
20 LAW THAT MAKES THIS ALL POSSIBLE. AND THIS IS NOW AN AGREEMENT
21 WITH US ABOUT HOW WE'RE GOING DO IT. BUT WE DID IT HERE IN THE
22 PUBLIC FORUM, I THINK. OR AT LEAST SO THE PUBLIC COULD COMMENT
23 BECAUSE ULTIMATELY I WORK FOR YOU. SO I DON'T WANT TO TAKE A
24 STEP THAT THE BOARD WOULDN'T APPROVE OF.

25

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1 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ASK COUNSEL. WHAT IS THE
2 RESPONSE TO THE ISSUES RAISED BY A.L.A.D.S. WITH RESPECT TO
3 THE NOTICE BEING GIVEN TO A DEPUTY WHEN CONFIDENTIAL
4 INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DEPUTY IS DISCLOSED?

5

6 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** YES, SUPERVISOR. SO AGAIN IT GOES BACK
7 TO OUR LEGAL ANALYSIS THAT THE HANDING OFF OF THIS INFORMATION
8 BY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, IT
9 MAINTAINS, IT RETAINS ITS CONFIDENTIALITY. THAT'S NOT A PUBLIC
10 HANDING OVER OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION. IT RETAINS ITS
11 PRIVACY. SO IT WOULD NOT TRIGGER THE PENAL CODE SECTIONS THAT
12 REQUIRE NOTICE AND THINGS LIKE THAT WHEN THOSE SAME RECORDS
13 ARE BEING MADE PUBLIC OR FILED IN COURT, THINGS LIKE THAT. SO
14 THAT OUR POSITION IS THAT REQUIREMENT IS NOT TRIGGERED UNDER
15 THE M.O.A. AND THE SHARING OF THE CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION
16 AMONG THESE PARTIES WHO MAKE UP THE EMPLOYING AGENCY FOR THE
17 COUNTY.

18

19 **SHERIFF JIM MCDONNELL:** MORE SPECIFICALLY NOT THE EMPLOYING
20 AGENCY BEYOND THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL.

21

22 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** THE LETTER FROM A.L.A.D.S. CONCERNS
23 THAT THE M.O.A. DOES NOT HAVE ENOUGH PROTECTIONS, SPECIFICALLY
24 WOULD PROVIDE NOTICE TO A DEPUTY WHEN CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION
25 IS BEING DISCLOSED ABOUT THE DEPUTY. HOW DO WE GUARANTEE THAT

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1 THAT INFORMATION IS GOING TO BE PROTECTED AND THE DEPUTY WILL
2 BE INFORMED?

3

4 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** WELL, IT'S A VERY FAIR QUESTION. AND
5 CONFIDENTIALITY AND MAINTAINING THE CONFIDENTIALITY OVER THESE
6 RECORDS AS MAX POINTED OUT IS PARAMOUNT. HE'S ALREADY TAKEN
7 THE STEP TO HAVE HIS EMPLOYEES I BELIEVE SIGNED A
8 CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT, CORRECT, MAX?

9

10 **MAX HUNTSMAN:** THEY HAVE NOT SIGNED IT BUT THEY WILL BEFORE
11 THEY SEE ANYTHING THAT'S CONFIDENTIAL. WE'VE BEEN WORKING WITH
12 THAT WITH COUNTY COUNSEL TODAY. AS AN EXAMPLE, SIR, TO WHAT
13 YOU'RE POINTING OUT, THERE WERE SOME PERSONNEL RECORDS THAT
14 ENDED UP IN THE L.A. TIMES NOT THAT LONG AGO, AND THE
15 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AS A RESULT IS MUCH MORE PROTECTIVE, I
16 DON'T THINK THEY WERE NOT PROTECTIVE BEFORE, BUT THEY ARE EVEN
17 NOW PROTECTIVE OF THE CORE PERSONNEL RECORDS THAT ARE VERY
18 PERSONAL TO AN INDIVIDUAL. AND EVEN WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT TO
19 LOOK AT THEM, THEY HAVE TIGHT RESTRICTIONS TO MAKE SURE THEY
20 DON'T JUST FLOAT AWAY OR GET OUT. I'LL HAVE TO FOLLOW THOSE
21 SAME RESTRICTIONS, AND I WILL. FOR THAT INFORMATION WHICH
22 PASSES TO MY OFFICE WHICH INCLUDES SOME PERSONNEL INFORMATION
23 SUCH AS A DISCIPLINE PROCEEDING OR A REPORT THAT HAS A PART OF
24 IT, AGAIN, IT'S ON US TO MAKE SURE THAT WE FOLLOW THE LAW. IF

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1 WE VIOLATE THE LAW, THEN, YES, THERE'S A PROBLEM. AND
2 INFORMATION WOULD GET OUT.

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4 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** AND WOULD THERE BE CRIMINAL PENALTIES
5 IF YOU VIOLATED THE LAW?

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7 **MAX HUNTSMAN:** I THINK THERE COULD BE. THE DISCLOSURE OF PUBLIC
8 INFORMATION IN VIOLATION OF LAW GENERALLY CAN RESULT IN A
9 PROSECUTION OF THE INDIVIDUAL WHO DOES IT, ABSOLUTELY. IT
10 DEPENDS ON THE CIRCUMSTANCES.

11

12 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** MY CONCERN IS YOU HAD PROTECTIONS
13 PREVIOUSLY THAT THERE WOULD BE NO DISCLOSURES, AND YET YOU
14 TEND TO READ ABOUT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION IN THE NEWSPAPER,
15 BE IT THIS COUNTY OR SOME OTHER COUNTY OR SOME STATE OR
16 FEDERAL ISSUE. THE CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION IS ALWAYS FOUND
17 OUT. HOW DO WE PROTECT OR ARE WE GUARANTEED THAT THAT WOULDN'T
18 OCCUR WITH THIS ONE? HOW IS THIS THE LOCK BOX THAT THE OTHERS
19 WEREN'T?

20

21 **MAX HUNTSMAN:** IT'S NOT. IN HUMAN AFFAIRS, WE CAN NEVER
22 GUARANTEE THAT NO HUMAN BEING WILL BREAK THE LAW OR DO
23 SOMETHING THEY SHOULDN'T. BUT AS AN EXAMPLE I GAVE, WE HAVE
24 SOME PROTECTIONS IN PLACE TO PROTECT AGAINST THAT BY LIMITING
25 THE ACCESS OF PEOPLE WHO DON'T NEED TO HAVE ACCESS WRITTEN

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1 INTO THE M.O.A. IS MY OWN RESTRICTION THAT I'M ONLY TO ASK FOR
2 SUCH SENSITIVE INFORMATION AS NECESSARY TO FULFILL MY JOB. AND
3 I WILL KEEP IT COMPARTMENTALIZED TO THE PEOPLE WHO NEED TO
4 KNOW IT AS I'VE DONE ALREADY WITH INFORMATION THAT IS OF A
5 SENSITIVE NATURE THAT HAS COME TO ME. BUT THERE ARE 24 PEOPLE
6 IN MY OFFICE WHO HAVE BEEN HAND PICKED WITH THIS MISSION IN
7 MIND. AND THERE ARE SOME MAYBE 20,000 OR SO IN THE SHERIFF'S
8 DEPARTMENT. SO I DON'T FEEL THAT WE INCREASED THE RISK GREATLY
9 PROVIDED WE DO OUR JOB PROPERLY.

10

11 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ASK COUNSEL. HOW DO WE
12 GUARANTEE THAT A DEPUTY WOULD BE INFORMED IF THEIR
13 CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION WAS BEING DISCLOSED.

14

15 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** AT THAT POINT, SUPERVISOR, WE WOULD
16 HAVE TO LET THEM KNOW.

17

18 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** THE SHERIFF WANTS TO LOOK AT IT, THE
19 INSPECTOR GENERAL WANTS TO LOOK AT IT, THEY SHOULD BE
20 INFORMED. HOW DO WE GUARANTEE THAT THEY WOULD BE INFORMED?

21

22 **SHERIFF JIM MCDONNELL:** UNDER CURRENT LAW SIR, THEY ARE NOT
23 DIRECTED TO BE INFORMED. UNDER OUR INTERPRETATION, BECAUSE IT
24 IS NOT A DISCLOSURE WHEN IT REMAINS WITHIN GOVERNMENT, IT IS
25 NOT BEING GIVEN TO THE PUBLIC. UNDER MY ORDINANCE AND THE

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1 M.O.A., UNDER NO CONDITION WOULD I EVER DISCLOSE THAT
2 INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC. WE HAVE A PROVISION, AS WITH THE
3 BOARD ABOUT A YEAR OR SO AGO, IN WHICH THE BOARD WANTED TO
4 POSSIBLY ACCESS CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION. WE CREATED A
5 PROCEDURE FOR IT. I THINK UNDER LAW WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT
6 NEVER COULD BE. BUT IF IT WAS, FOR INSTANCE, BY A COURT ORDER
7 IN A PROCEEDING IN WHICH IT'S REQUIRED, THEN THE DEPUTY WOULD
8 HAVE TO BE NOTIFIED. BUT THAT WOULD NEVER BE DONE BY MY OFFICE
9 ABSENT A COURT ORDER AND THEN WE WOULD INDEED COMPLY WITH THE
10 LAW YOU'RE REFERRING TO.

11

12 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** I WOULD LIKE COUNSEL TO PROVIDE
13 INTERPRETATION RELATIVE TO THE NOTIFICATION TO A DEPUTY THAT
14 THIS APPLIES TO GOVERNMENT, WHATEVER. BUT I WANT TO KNOW WHAT
15 THE DISTINCTION IS. BECAUSE I'M CONCERNED ABOUT THE DEPUTY'S
16 DUE PROCESS. I'M CONCERNED ABOUT THE STATE LAW THAT WAS
17 ENACTED. I DON'T WANT TO SEE THIS BODY COMPROMISED, THOSE
18 PROTECTIONS OR THAT LAW. SO I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE AN
19 INTERPRETATION AS TO OUR LEGAL AUTHORITY.

20

21 **MAX HUNTSMAN:** ABSOLUTELY, SIR. WE'VE DONE THAT AND I'M SURE IT
22 CAN BE ADJUSTED TO YOU. AGAIN, TO BE CLEAR, MY OFFICE WILL BE
23 ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN THAT NO CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION LEAKS OUT
24 SO THAT IF THERE'S AN INTERPRETATION THAT WE NEED TO DO
25 SOMETHING DIFFERENT, WE WON'T HAVE-- INFORMATION WON'T BE IN

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1 THE PAPER AS A RESULT. IT'LL ONLY BE IN OUR OFFICE UNDER LOCK
2 AND KEY.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAME CHAIR, IF I MAY, WERE YOU DONE?

5

6 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

7

8 **SHERIFF JIM MCDONNELL:** JUST ONE POINT OF CLARIFICATION ON
9 THAT. THE INFORMATION THAT THE A.I.G. WOULD HAVE ACCESS TO IS
10 PRETTY MUCH THE SAME AS THE OFFICE OF INDEPENDENT REVIEW AND
11 THE OFFICE OF SPECIAL COUNSEL HAD FOR THE LAST 20 OR SO YEARS.
12 SO THIS IS NOT NEW GROUND AS IT RELATES TO THAT. THE
13 RELATIONSHIP THAT WE HAVE HERE WOULD BE THE SPECIAL
14 RELATIONSHIP WITH THE I.G. AND THE DEPARTMENT AS TO THE
15 DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION AND THE FACT THAT THAT
16 INFORMATION WOULD NOT BE SHARED OTHER THAN A VERY MACRO SENSE
17 BEYOND THE O.I.G.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IT'S HIGHLY DOUBTFUL TO ME THAT WE WOULD
20 HAVE A SIGNED M.O.U. IF IT WERE THOUGHT TO BE A VIOLATION IN
21 ANY SENSE OF THE PEACE OFFICER'S BILL OF RIGHTS AND THE
22 PROTECTIONS THAT LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ARE AFFORDED. THIS
23 DOES PUSH US CLOSER TO 21ST CENTURY STANDARDS IN TERMS OF
24 ENLIGHTENED LAW ENFORCEMENT OVERSIGHT DOES LOOK LIKE. SO WHILE
25 I THINK SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S QUESTIONS ARE CERTAINLY

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1 APPROPRIATE, I BELIEVE THAT THEY CAN BE AND SHOULD BE ANSWERED
2 WITH CLARITY THAT MAKES IT ABUNDANTLY CLEAR THAT THERE IS NO
3 RISK INVOLVED. HERE. IT IS ESSENTIALLY TO MAKE SURE THAT THE
4 DEPARTMENT IS BETTER. AND ANY PROBLEMS THAT THEY BE ASSOCIATED
5 WITH GIVEN OFFICERS AS A RESULT OF PURSUING THIS IN THE PROPER
6 WAY WOULD BE DISPOSED OF ACCORDINGLY. BUT THAT DOES NOT AMOUNT
7 TO THE VIOLATION OF ANY OFFICERS' RIGHTS AND/OR PROTECTIONS AS
8 EMPLOYEES OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. IT IS REAL IMPORTANT
9 FOR US TO ESTABLISH THIS M.O.U. IT'S VERY APPROPRIATELY
10 WRITTEN SO THAT EVERYBODY CAN ABIDE BY IT WITHOUT VIOLATION OF
11 ANYONE'S RIGHTS.

12
13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WITH THAT, THEN, WE'RE
14 GOING GO AND CALL WITNESSES. AND THEN WE WILL HEAR FROM OUR
15 BOARD AFTER THOSE THAT WANT TO MAKE ANY COMMENTS. THANK YOU,
16 GENTLEMEN, FOR COMING. WE HAVE EUNISSES HERNANDEZ. MARK-
17 ANTHONY JOHNSON. CANEK PENA VARGAS. JOSEPH MAIZLISH. THANK
18 YOU. MS. HERNANDEZ.

19
20 **EUNISSES HERNANDEZ:** HELLO, GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY
21 NAME IS EUNISSES HERNANDEZ WITH DRUG POLICY ALLIANCE. I WANT
22 TO START OFF BY SAYING THANK YOU TO SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS
23 AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL AS WELL AS DEREK AND CHERI FOR THEIR
24 EFFORTS AND HARD WORK. WE SUPPORT THIS MOTION. BUT WE HAVE
25 SEVERAL RECOMMENDATIONS. THIS MOTION IS UNPRECEDENTED AND A

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1 STEP TOWARDS TRANSPARENCY THAT THE COMMUNITY NEEDS. BUT IT
2 LEAVES MANY CRITICAL ISSUES UNANSWERED, UNADDRESSED. THE
3 COMMISSION IS YET TO BE CREATED. WE URGE YOU TO ENSURE THAT
4 COMMUNITY INPUT IS WELCOMED AND THAT YOU ALLOW THE COMMUNITY
5 TO NOMINATE AND APPOINT COMMISSIONERS FOR THE CIVILIAN
6 OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE. YOUR ACTIONS AND DECISIONS SHOULD FORTIFY
7 THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN LAW ENFORCEMENT AND THE COMMUNITY. WE
8 URGE YOU TO CREATE AVENUES FOR THE COMMISSION TO GET
9 INFORMATION FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT INDEPENDENT OF THE
10 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERALS. PLEASE HOLD THE SHERIFFS
11 ACCOUNTABLE TO THE FAMILIES, INDIVIDUALS THEY ARE HIRED TO
12 SERVE. ESTABLISH A TIMELINE TO ASSESS LOS ANGELES SHERIFF'S
13 DEPARTMENT COMPLIANCE WITH THE M.O.A. WITH ENOUGH TIME TO
14 PROPOSE A CHANGE IN THE CHARTER TO GRANT THE COMMISSION
15 SUBPOENA POWER. THE KILLING OF NICHOLAS ROBERTSON OVER THE
16 WEEKEND ONLY REINFORCES THE NEED FOR AN ENTITY THAT CAN HOLD
17 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR ACTIONS. PLEASE
18 DON'T BE AFRAID TO BE BOLD. WE ARE NOT HERE TO MAKE A DAY MORE
19 DIFFICULT. WE ARE HERE TO ENSURE OUR COMMUNITIES HAVE A VOICE.
20 WE URGE YOU TO TAKE OUR RECOMMENDATIONS WITH MORE THAN JUST A
21 GRAIN OF SALT. YOU CAN BE LEADERS OR YOU CAN BE SHOWN IN
22 FUTURE YEARS TO HAVE MISSED THE OPPORTUNITY FOR LEADERSHIP.
23 AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

24

25 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS.

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1

2 **MARK-ANTHONY JOHNSON:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MARK-

3 ANTHONY JOHNSON WITH THE COALITION TO END SHERIFF VIOLENCE. I

4 WANT THE THANK SUPERVISORS RIDLEY-THOMAS, SHEILA KUEHL, HILDA

5 SOLIS FOR VOTING FOR CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT IN THE FIRST PLACE AND

6 FOR MOVING US CLOSER TO THIS POINT. I THINK I SHARE SIMILAR

7 CONCERNS. OBVIOUSLY THE FACT THAT ANYBODY HAS THE ACCESS THAT

8 WE'RE TALKING ABOUT ON THE TABLE IS A HISTORIC MOMENT. THIS IS

9 UNPRECEDENTED. THIS IS ACTUALLY REALLY CRITICAL. WE'RE TALKING

10 ABOUT HOPEFULLY A CHANGE IN THE WAY THAT THE SHERIFF'S

11 DEPARTMENT IS GOING TO RELATE TO THE COMMUNITY. OUR BIGGEST

12 CONCERN IS THAT THIS M.O.U. POSITIONS THE INSPECTOR GENERAL AS

13 THE SOLE BROKER OF INFORMATION, PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE

14 INFORMATION, TO A COMMISSION. AND WE KNOW THAT GIVEN THAT THE

15 O.I.G. HAS HIS OWN STAFF AND HAS LIMITED CAPACITY, IT'S GOING

16 TO BE SUBJECT TO THE REQUESTS OF A COMMISSION, IT'S GOING TO

17 BE SUBJECT TO YOUR REQUESTS. AND AT SOME POINT IT'S GOING TO

18 HAVE TO PRACTICE DISCRETION IN TERMS OF PRIORITIZING WHAT IT'S

19 GOING TO PURSUE. I THINK THAT'S GOING TO CREATE SOME ISSUES IN

20 TERMS OF CREDIBILITY, IN TERMS OF TRANSPARENCY, IN TERMS OF

21 WHAT ISSUES ARE ACTUALLY PRIORITIZED BY THE INSPECTOR

22 GENERAL'S OFFICE. AND IF IT IS GOING TO WORK, IT'S GOING TO

23 OBVIOUSLY NEED TO HAVE THE COOPERATION OF EVERYBODY, BUT

24 CLEARLY, IT'S GOING TO HAVE TO NEED THE CREDIBILITY OF THE

25 COMMUNITY TO DO THAT. ADDITIONALLY, WE HOPE THIS BOARD

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1 ACTUALLY PRIORITIZES A SEPARATE AND A WELL ARTICULATED MEANS
2 BY WHICH THE COMMISSION CAN GET INFORMATION FROM THE
3 DEPARTMENT. TIMELINES, BENCHMARKS, DATES. WE HOPE THIS MOMENT
4 M.O.U. IS NOT LAST PLACE WHERE WE SEE HOW THIS COMMISSION WILL
5 GET INFORMATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT. I THINK WE HAVE THE
6 UNFORTUNATE BUT UNREALISTIC BURDEN OF HAVING TO DISTINGUISH
7 OURSELVES FROM FOLKS LIKE THE INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF POLICE
8 AUTHORITY IN CHICAGO, WHICH HAS AN INSPECTOR GENERAL, WHICH
9 HAS A COMMISSION. BOTH HAVE SUBPOENA POWER AND YET THEY'RE
10 UNDER TREMENDOUS SCRUTINY RIGHT NOW FOR NOT BEING INDEPENDENT,
11 FOR ONLY LOOKING AT ONE-- ONLY FINDING ONE OFFICER IN
12 MISCONDUCT OVER THE LAST SEVEN YEARS. SO THAT IS THE BURDEN
13 THAT WE CARRY AND THE BURDEN WHICH WE'RE MOVING FORWARD IN
14 LOOKING AT THIS COMMISSION.

15

16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I'D LIKE TO ALSO CALL UP DIANA
17 ZUNIGA. DAYVON WILLIAMS. AND JESSICA FARRIS. THANK YOU. NEXT
18 WITNESS, PLEASE.

19

20 **CANEK PE A VARGAS:** MY NAME IS CANEK PE A VARGAS. I'M HERE
21 REPRESENTING C.A.L.O. YOUTH BUILD, A YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
22 ON THE EAST SIDE. I WANT TO THANK THE SUPERVISORS FOR TAKING
23 THIS IMPORTANT STEP FORWARD. I WANT TO ECHO THE WORDS OF MR.
24 HUNTSMAN, INSPECTOR GENERAL, THAT THE M.O.A. IS DEFINITELY AN
25 IMPORTANT STEP BUT IT IS JUST THAT, A STEP. IN OUR OPINION,

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1 THE NEXT-- ONE OF THE LARGER STEPS THAT NEEDS TO BE TAKEN IS
2 TO MOVE TOWARDS INDEPENDENT CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT WITH SUBPOENA
3 POWER AND COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION. I THINK THAT IT'S BEEN
4 ESTABLISHED NOW THAT IT'S A PUBLIC MANDATE THAT THE CIVILIAN
5 REVIEW BOARD HAVE SUBPOENA POWER AND WE NEED A CLEAR TIMELINE
6 ABOUT HOW WE'RE GOING TO BEGIN MOVING IN THAT DIRECTION,
7 AMENDING THE COUNTY CHARTER TO MAKE THAT POSSIBLE AND DRAWING
8 ON SOME OF THE BEST THE PRACTICES FROM OTHER CITIES THROUGHOUT
9 THE COUNTRY THAT ARE TAKING POSITIVE STEPS FORWARD FOR MORE
10 DEMOCRATIC PARTICIPATION AND EFFECTIVE OVERSIGHT OF LAW
11 ENFORCEMENT. IN ADDITION, ONE OF THE CORE CENTRAL VALUES OF
12 OUR YOUTH LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AT C.A.L.O. IS THAT
13 THOSE MOST AFFECTED BY AN ISSUE SHOULD BE DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN
14 DEVELOPING THE SOLUTIONS FOR THOSE ISSUES. AND SO WITH THOSE
15 CORE VALUES IN MIND, I THINK THAT IT'S DEFINITELY CRUCIAL THAT
16 THE INDIVIDUALS AND THE COMMUNITY GROUPS THAT HAVE BEEN
17 INSTRUMENTAL IN PUSHING AN ESTABLISHING CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT
18 HAVE DIRECT PARTICIPATION AND INVOLVEMENT IN THAT REVIEW
19 BOARD; THAT THE COMMUNITY BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN SELECTING
20 OR APPOINTING THE MEMBERS OF THE REVIEW BOARD AND THAT THEY
21 HAVE DIRECT REPRESENTATION THERE. IN ADDITION, WE ALSO WANT TO
22 STRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF PLANNING AHEAD AND PREPARING TO
23 ADEQUATELY FUND AND STAFF THE REVIEW BOARD. SO THANK YOU FOR
24 YOUR TIME.

25

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT WITNESS.

2

3 **JOSEPH MAIZLISH:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND
4 COLLEAGUES. MY NAME IS JOE MAIZLISH. AND I AM SPEAKING PARTLY
5 AS AN AMERICAN FAMILY THERAPIST WITH THE A CERTIFIED TRAUMA
6 SPECIALTY 5-E, ASSOCIATION OF TRAUMATIC STRESS STUDIES. I'D
7 LIKE TO USE THIS OCCASION TO LOOK A LITTLE UPSTREAM. PEOPLE
8 SAY THAT THEY HOPE THIS WILL HAVE SOME ADVANCE. I CERTAINLY
9 BELIEVE THAT IT CAN BE, BUT THERE ARE A LOT OF FACTORS THAT
10 LOAD THE SITUATION, THAT LOAD THE ENCOUNTERS BETWEEN COMMUNITY
11 MEMBERS AND POLICE, AGENCY POLICE REPRESENTATIVES. AND I WANT
12 TO MENTION THOSE NOW BECAUSE SOME OF THEM ARE WITHIN THE
13 BOARD'S PURVIEW TO WORK ON AND SOME ARE WITHIN THE BOARD'S
14 PURVIEW TO ADVOCATE FOR. I THINK OVER THE LAST 50 YEARS OR SO
15 OF CHANGES IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE POLICY, MUCH HIGHER SENTENCING,
16 MANDATORY MINIMUMS, MANY, MANY SENTENCING ENHANCEMENTS, AND
17 OTHER MEASURES WHICH TAKE DISCRETION AWAY FROM THE JUDGES AND
18 GIVE THEM TO PROSECUTORS AND GIVE THEM TO POLICE. NOW WHEN THE
19 JUDGES USE DISCRETION, THAT'S EXPOSED SUBJECT TO APPEAL AND
20 PUBLICITY. BUT MANY, MANY OTHER DECISIONS ARE NOT AND THOSE
21 LOAD THE SITUATION. YOU GOT TO ADD TO IT WHAT, ANATOLE FRANCE
22 SAID, THAT THE LAW IN ITS MAJESTIC EQUALITY FORBIDS BOTH THE
23 RICH AND THE POOR TO SLEEP UNDER BRIDGES, TO BEG IN THE
24 STREETS AND TO STEAL BREAD. SO WITH A BIG INCREASE IN POVERTY
25 AND THE HOMELESSNESS THAT YOU FOLKS ARE WORKING ON, THOSE

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1 THINGS ARE KIND OF SETUPS AND THEY'RE PRESSURES AND THEY'RE
2 THINGS THAT THIS MEASURE TODAY HAS TO WORK AGAINST. I HOPE
3 THAT THE BOARD WILL STUDY AND TAKE ITS POSITIONS ON AND DO
4 WORK ON THOSE BACKGROUND ISSUES AS YOU ARE DOING BUT MUCH,
5 MUCH MORE WILL BE NEEDED FOR THAT. AND THAT WILL HELP
6 EVERYTHING ELSE THAT WE DO WORK WELL.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS.

9

10 **DIANA ZUNIGA:** MY NAME'S DIANA ZUNIGA, I'M WITH CALIFORNIANS
11 UNITED FOR A RESPONSIBLE BUDGET. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR
12 KUEHL, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR
13 REALLY MOVING THIS FORWARD. WE APPRECIATE YOUR LEADERSHIP AND
14 WE APPRECIATE THE LEADERSHIP OF YOUR STAFF MEMBERS. I AM A
15 LITTLE BIT TROUBLED WITH SOME OF THE COMMENTS THAT HAVE COME
16 UP FROM A.L.A.D. AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. I REALLY WISH THAT
17 WE COULD HAVE YOUR SUPPORT IN MOVING THINGS FORWARD. AGAIN
18 THIS IS ONLY A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION, AND WE HAVE
19 SEVERAL MORE STEPS TO GO AND WE REALLY NEED YOU TO BE ON BOARD
20 WITH THIS. PEACE OFFICERS ARE SUPPOSED TO PROTECT PEOPLE AND
21 TO FACILITATE PEACE. AS WE KNOW, WE'VE SEEN NUMEROUS TIMES
22 AGAIN AND AGAIN THAT THAT IS NOT NECESSARILY HAPPENING WITHIN
23 EVERY INTERACTION THAT OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE HAVING WITH
24 POLICE OFFICERS. I HEARD THE SHERIFF TALK ABOUT, THIS IS A
25 VERY STRESSFUL TIME. YES, THIS IS A VERY STRESSFUL TIME FOR

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1 US, WHEN OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE NOT GETTING JUSTICE AND ARE
2 STILL EXPERIENCING SEVERE HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES, NEGLECT AND
3 VIOLENCE AGAINST THEM. AND I REALLY HOPE THAT IN YOUR PUSH TO
4 PROTECT POLICE OFFICERS, THAT YOU'RE ALSO THINKING ABOUT THE
5 COMMUNITY MEMBERS THAT HAVE BEEN IMPACTED BY THIS VIOLENCE FOR
6 TOO LONG. COMMUNITY MEMBERS THAT HAVE HAD-- HAVE BEEN BEATEN
7 UP TO THE POINT WHERE THEY HAVE METAL PLATES IN THEIR HEAD
8 LIKE MY FATHER WAS, COMMUNITY MEMBERS LIKE NICHOLAS ROBERTSON
9 THAT WAS JUST KILLED AFTER HE WAS LEAVING LAW ENFORCEMENT,
10 CRAWLING AWAY FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT. AND I THINK THOSE OTHER
11 THINGS THAT WE NEED TO THINK ABOUT WE'RE THINKING ABOUT
12 PROTECTION. AND I'M GLAD YOU'RE HEARING ME. THANK YOU. AGAIN,
13 THIS IS A GOOD STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. AND WE KNOW THAT
14 THERE ARE SEVERAL OTHER THINGS THAT WE NEED TO DO. WE NEED
15 ADEQUATE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE THAT'S INDEPENDENT, THAT
16 HAS SUBPOENA POWER AND THAT HAS ADEQUATE FUNDING. SO I REALLY
17 HOPE THAT-- I'M GLAD THAT WE'RE MOVING IN THAT DIRECTION. AND
18 I THANK ALL OF YOU GUYS FOR LISTENING.

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I'D ALSO LIKE TO CALL UP
21 BRANDY BROWN. TANISHA DENARD, AND RAY LEWIS.

22

23 **DAYVON WILLIAMS:** HELLO, MY NAME IS DAYVON WILLIAMS WITH THE
24 YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. AS A LOT OF MY ALLIES HAVE MENTIONED
25 ALREADY, WE DO NEED CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT AND PEOPLE FROM THE

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1 COMMUNITY BECAUSE THOSE IN LAW ENFORCEMENT WHO ARE SUPPOSED TO
2 BE HELPING US ARE NOT PUSHING THAT. I VERY OFTENTIMES, AS MANY
3 OF US MEET WITH THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, WE COLLECT CONCERNS
4 FROM THE COMMUNITY OURSELVES, PEOPLE WHO ARE INCARCERATED,
5 PEOPLE WHO ARE VISITING THEIR FAMILIES, AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS
6 IN GENERAL, WE'VE TAKEN THAT TO HIM. BUT IT HAS NOT BEEN
7 PUSHED FOR HIM TO ADDRESS THAT FOR THINGS OF OUR CONCERNS. SO
8 WE'D LIKE TO SEE THIS MOVE FORWARD WITH PEOPLE LIKE OURSELVES
9 AND OTHER COMMUNITY MEMBERS. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT WITNESS,
12 PLEASE.

13

14 **JESSICA FARRIS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS JESSICA FARRIS, I'M
15 POLICY AND ADVOCACY COUNSEL AT THE A.C.L.U. OF SOUTHERN
16 CALIFORNIA. WHILE WE ARE THANKFUL AND RELIEVED TO SEE FORWARD
17 MOVEMENT, WE DID SEND A LETTER EXPRESSING CONCERNS OVER THIS
18 AGREEMENT AND IN PARTICULAR THE LACK OF ACCESS FOR THE PUBLIC,
19 THE BOARD AND THE CIVILIAN COMMISSION. JUST TO TAKE A RECENT
20 EXAMPLE, IF THE DEPARTMENT HAD NOT CHOSEN TO PUBLICLY RELEASE
21 FOOTAGE FROM THIS SHOOTING OVER THIS WEEKEND IN LYNWOOD, THEN
22 IT'S FAR FROM CLEAR UNDER THIS M.O.A. THAT THE PUBLIC, THE
23 BOARD OR THE CIVILIAN COMMISSION WOULD EVER HAVE THE RIGHT TO
24 THAT FOOTAGE. INSTEAD THEY WOULD HAVE TO RELY ON THE I.G.'S
25 ASSURANCE THAT HE HAD REVIEWED THE FOOTAGE AND THEY SUPPORT

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1 HIS CONCLUSION, AND WE THINK THAT FALLS FAR SHORT OF EITHER
2 MEANINGFUL OVERSIGHT THE COMMISSION SHOULD BRING OR THE
3 TRANSPARENCY THAT L.A. COUNTY DESERVES. SO WE HOPE THIS M.O.A.
4 CAN BE REVISITED SO THAT IT SERVES THE FUTURE OF MEANINGFUL
5 OVERSIGHT. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT WITNESS.

8

9 **RAY LEWIS:** GREETINGS, BOARD. MY NAME IS RAY LEWIS WITH DIGNITY
10 AND POWER NOW. FIRST THINGS FIRST. I'D LIKE TO SAY, I'M NOT
11 HERE TO STROKE ANY OF YOUR EGOS FOR DOING SOMETHING THAT WE
12 NEED TO BE DOING THAT'S JUST. YOU'RE DEFINITELY NOT STROKING
13 MY EGO FOR CHANGING MYSELF FOR BEING HERE TALKING TO YOU. AND
14 ANOTHER THING, IT'S BEEN A YEAR SINCE WE CAME UP WITH THIS
15 PLAN FOR CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT. ALL I'VE BEEN HEARING IS Y'ALL
16 TEARING IT DOWN, GIVING IT-- MAKING IT WEAKER. TO ME IT SEEMS
17 LIKE A SLAVE TALKING TO A SLAVE MASTER SAYING, "STOP BEATING
18 ME." SO WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO? CAN WE GET THIS CIVILIAN
19 OVERSIGHT WITH ALL FIVE NON-NEGOTIABLES? AND ONE MORE THING IS
20 THIS: WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO HIDE? WHAT'S SO CONFIDENTIAL IN
21 THESE RECORDS? I UNDERSTAND, WHATEVER YOU GO DO AT YOUR HOME
22 IS YOUR BUSINESS, BUT WHAT'S DOING, WHEN YOU GOT THAT GUN ON
23 YOUR SIDE AND YOU DOING SOMETHING WRONG, PUT THEM IN JAIL. HE
24 GOT TO GO TO JAIL FOR KILLING SOMEBODY. AND THE LAST THING I
25 WANT TO SAY ABOUT THIS BROTHER WHO GOT KILLED, WHAT I SAY WAS

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1 A BROTHER THAT WAS SUFFERING FROM THE IMPACT OF STATE
2 VIOLENCE. THAT'S THE SAME KIND OF VIOLENCE WAS IMPACT ON ME.
3 HE WAS REACHING OUT, CALLING OUT FOR SOMEBODY. THEY ANSWERED
4 THAT WITH 30 -SOME BULLETS. THAT'S IT. OBVIOUSLY, NOTHING
5 ELSE.

6

7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT I'D LIKE TO CALL UP REVEREND DR.
8 TIMOTHY MURPHY, PASTOR CUE AND RABBI JONATHAN KLEIN.

9

10 **REV. TIMOTHY MURPHY:** GOOD AFTERNOON, TIMOTHY MURPHY WITH
11 PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIANS UNITING AND THE JUSTICE NOT JAILS
12 PROJECT. I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR HARD WORK. DURING
13 THE TESTIMONY I HEARD A LOT OF LOVELY WORDS ABOUT COOPERATION,
14 TRANSPARENCY, BALANCE. BUT I HAVE TO ADMIT THAT I'M NOT REALLY
15 HAPPY WITH THIS. I HAVE A LOT OF CONCERNS. AND IT SEEMS THAT
16 ON ITS OWN, WITHOUT ALL THE OTHER PIECES THAT COMMUNITIES HAVE
17 BEEN PUSHING FOR, WHAT THIS WILL RESULT IN ON ITS OWN IS
18 EFFECTIVELY REMOVING THE OVERSIGHT OF CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT
19 COMMISSIONS. SO WE MIGHT AS WELL JUST TAKE THAT WORD OUT AND
20 CALL IT THE CIVILIAN COMMISSION BECAUSE IT WON'T REALLY BE
21 CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT. LET'S GIVE AN EXAMPLE TO MAKE THIS PLAIN.
22 SAY THE COMMISSION'S TOGETHER AND SOMEONE MAKES A COMPLAINT
23 ABOUT POTENTIAL POLICE, SHERIFF ABUSE. SO THE COMMISSION GOES
24 OKAY, WE NEED TO LOOK INTO THIS. SO THEY GO TO THE O.I.G. AND
25 SAY, "HEY, WE NEED THIS INFORMATION." AND THEN HE GOES TO THE

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1 SHERIFF AND SAYS, "CAN I PLEASE HAVE THIS INFORMATION?" WHICH
2 THE SHERIFF SAYS, "WELL, WAIT. OR OKAY I'LL GIVE YOU THIS PART
3 BUT NOT THIS PART. OKAY, FINE, YOU CAN HAVE THIS PIECE BECAUSE
4 IT'S NOT REALLY AN ISSUE." THEN THE O.I.G. TAKES THAT AND
5 WHATEVER THE SHERIFF HAS AGREED TO GIVE AND CREATES A SUMMARY
6 THAT IS REPORTED BACK TO THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION,
7 WHICH DOESN'T ACTUALLY RESULT IN THEM BEING ABLE TO DO THEIR
8 JOB. AND SO IN EFFECT ON ITS OWN, THIS DOES NOT DO WHAT THE
9 WORKING GROUP RECOMMENDED AND IT'S WOEFULLY INADEQUATE TO WHAT
10 OUR COUNTY DESERVES AND NEEDS. SO WE NEED TO PUSH A LOT HARDER
11 AND THIS ON ITS OWN I CAN'T CALL ANYTHING BETTER THAN
12 BACKSLIDING. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS.

15

16 **RABBI JONATHAN KLEIN:** RABBI JONATHAN KLEIN FOR CLERGY AND
17 LAITY UNITED FOR ECONOMIC JUSTICE. IT SEEMS TO ME THIS IS A
18 STEP IN REALLY JUST REINFORCING WHAT THE PREVIOUS SUPERVISOR
19 BOARD WAS ATTEMPTING TO DO BY BUILDING AN INSPECTOR GENERAL
20 OFFICE. AND THAT IS TO SAY THAT THIS IS IN SOME WAYS A TANGENT
21 TO THE REAL CONVERSATION AROUND CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT. IT'S NOT A
22 BAD STEP. IT CERTAINLY MEANS THAT NOT ONLY THE SHERIFF'S
23 DEPARTMENT WILL HAVE ACCESS TO SOME INFORMATION THAN IS A STEP
24 IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION, BUT AT THE SAME TIME, THE ENTIRE BIAS
25 OF THE CONVERSATION THIS AFTERNOON WHEN OUR WHEN BOTH

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1 INSPECTOR GENERAL HUNTSMAN AND SHERIFF MCDONNELL SPOKE WAS A
2 BIAS TOWARD PREVENTING CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT AND ENSURING THAT
3 THERE BE A CONFIDENTIALITY TO THE INFORMATION. THE BIAS IS
4 REALLY NOT ABOUT ESTABLISHING CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT BUT REALLY ON
5 SAYING, YOU KNOW WHAT, WE'RE GOING TO OPEN UP THE DOORS TO OR
6 OPEN UP THE BOOKS BUT WE WILL KEEP IT EXTRAORDINARILY LIMITED.
7 AND THAT IS WHAT THE M.O.A. ESSENTIALLY DOES. IT ALSO DEPENDS
8 LARGELY ON THE CHARACTER OF MR. HUNTSMAN. I HAPPEN TO LIKE MR.
9 HUNTSMAN, I HAPPEN TO LIKE SHERIFF MCDONNELL, THESE ARE GOOD
10 PEOPLE. BUT WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO ESTABLISH HERE IS LONG TERM
11 STRUCTURES THAT WILL WORK INTO THE NEXT GENERATION, REALLY.
12 AND SO I'M HAPPY TO KNOW THAT WE'RE OPENING UP THE
13 CONVERSATION. I APPRECIATE THAT. AND I ASSUME THAT THIS IS A
14 STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. AND I ASSUME THE VOTE WILL GO
15 FORWARD. BUT I ALSO HAVE DEEP CONCERNS THAT THIS IS A SMALL
16 STEP. AND I RECOGNIZE THERE'S TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF PRESSURE.
17 IT IS FAR FROM THE END OF THE CONVERSATION. AND WE HAVE A LOT
18 OF WORK TO DO. AND IN ORDER TO GET THERE, IN PARTICULAR I WANT
19 TO EMPHASIZE THE 60-DAY REPORT BACK OF INFORMATION NEEDS TO BE
20 TAKEN SERIOUSLY. AND ALSO A MECHANISM TO ENSURE THE TRENDS
21 THAT MR. HUNTSMAN MENTIONED IN LAW ENFORCEMENT, THAT THAT
22 INFORMATION ACTUALLY HAVE SOME TEETH TO IT SO THAT WE KNOW
23 THAT WE WILL GET THOSE REPORTS FROM THE I.G. OFFICE. THANK
24 YOU.
25

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'D ALSO LIKE TO
2 CALL UP ARNOLD SACHS. DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL AND ERIC PREVEN,
3 AS WELL AS RABBI JIM KAUFMAN. NEXT WITNESS.

4
5 **PASTOR JEAN-MARIE CUE:** PASTOR CUE, CHURCH WITHOUT WALLS, SKID
6 ROW AND THE BLACK JEWISH JUSTICE ALLIANCE. PERSONALLY I'M
7 VERY, VERY, VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THIS M.O.U. BECAUSE AGAIN WE
8 ARE RELYING ON THE CHARACTER OF THOSE IN THE OFFICE. WHEN WE
9 TALK ABOUT SYSTEMATIC BIAS, WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT JUST
10 INDIVIDUALS. WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT THE I.G. MAX HUNTSMAN.
11 WE'RE TALKING ABOUT A PROCESS BY WHICH OUR COMMUNITY CAN FEEL
12 SAFE. WE'RE CONCERNED ABOUT SENSITIVE INFORMATION, ABOUT
13 OFFICERS. BUT IN MY COMMUNITY AS A PASTOR, I'M CONCERNED NOT
14 ONLY ABOUT SENSITIVE INFORMATION, BUT I'M CONCERNED ABOUT
15 SENSITIVE LIVES. WE'VE GOT A LOT OF SENSITIVE LIVES IN OUR
16 COMMUNITY NOW. AND OUR COMMUNITY, WE DON'T WANT TO WAIT TO GO
17 THAT EXTRA STEP AND SEEK FOR SUBPOENA POWER. WE DON'T WANT TO
18 WAIT FOR CHICAGO. WE DON'T WANT TO WAIT FOR FERGUSON. WE DON'T
19 WANT TO WAIT FOR ANOTHER SKID ROW WHERE CHARLIE AFRICA WAS
20 KILLED AND IT WAS SEEN 50,000 TIMES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. WE
21 DON'T WANT TO WAIT FOR ANOTHER DESTRUCTION IN ORDER FOR US TO
22 MOVE FORWARD WITH REAL CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT. TO ME, THIS IS JUST
23 A DANCE. AND TO ME IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE IT MAY BE A STEP IN
24 THE RIGHT DIRECTION, BUT IF I GET IN THE BLOCKS AND I'M ABOUT
25 TO RUN A RACE AND I GET IN THE BLOCKS, THAT'S A STEP IN THE

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1 RIGHT DIRECTION, BUT IT DOESN'T MEAN THAT I'M GOING TO RUN. IT
2 DOESN'T MEAN THAT I'M RUNNING. I MAY GET IN THE BLOCKS AND
3 LOOK LIKE I'M READY TO RUN BUT I'M NOT RUNNING. SO THE REALITY
4 IS UNLESS I'M GIVEN THE ABILITY TO RUN, THEN I CAN'T GO
5 ANYWHERE. AND IN OUR COMMUNITIES, THIS IS NOT GOING TO BE GOOD
6 ENOUGH. WE'RE NOT-- WE ACT LIKE TRUST IS ON THE TABLE, IN OUR
7 COMMUNITY, TRUST IS THE NOT ON THE TABLE. WE DO NOT TRUST LAW
8 ENFORCEMENT.

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT WITNESS.

11

12 **ERIC PREVEN:** YEAH, IT'S ERIC PREVEN, COUNTY RESIDENT FROM THE
13 THIRD DISTRICT AND I AM REALLY DISAPPOINTED BECAUSE I SAT HERE
14 DURING THE CITIZENS COMMISSION ON JAIL VIOLENCE HEARINGS. AND
15 I HEARD ONE GOOD DEPUTY AFTER ANOTHER COMING FORWARD AND
16 TALKING ABOUT WHAT THEY HAD SEEN, WHAT THEY HAD WITNESSED AND
17 HOW UPSETTING IT WAS. AND THE TIME IT'S TAKEN TO PUT IN PLACE
18 FRESH EYEBALLS WHO ARE NOT ABSOLUTELY LOYAL TO THE LAW
19 ENFORCEMENT-- DON'T GET ME WRONG. THE DEPUTIES WHO DO THE JOB
20 OF PROTECTING PUBLIC SAFETY DESERVE OUR UTMOST RESPECT
21 OBVIOUSLY. BUT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT A SMALL PERCENTAGE. WE'RE
22 TALKING ABOUT ENDEMIC, SYSTEMIC PROBLEMS THAT REQUIRE FRESH
23 EYES. ORDINARY PEOPLE WHO KNOW THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN, WELL
24 THAT'S CONFIDENTIAL. GUESS WHAT? WE'VE HEARD ABOUT LAW
25 ENFORCEMENT CONFIDENTIAL MEETINGS AND VARIOUS THINGS FOR A

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1 LONG TIME, RIGHT? NOW, YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT PERSONNEL
2 RECORDS OR VARIOUS THINGS THAT CAME OUT INTO THE L.A. TIMES,
3 ANYTHING THAT MADE IT INTO THE L.A. TIMES WAS NOT ABOUT
4 EMBARRASSING A HARD WORKER, IT WAS ABOUT EXPOSING SOMEONE
5 WHO'D DONE SOMETHING WRONG. OBVIOUSLY YOU KNOW THAT GEORGE
6 ORWELL SAID THAT "JOURNALISM IS PRINTING WHAT SOMEONE ELSE
7 DOES NOT WANT PRINTED. EVERYTHING ELSE IS PUBLIC RELATIONS."
8 AND I'VE GOT NEWS FOR YOU. WE HAVE A VERY GOOD PUBLIC
9 RELATIONS DEPARTMENT AT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. WE DO NOT
10 NEED TO BULK UP WITH 24 MAX HUNTSMAN HELPERS TO DO THAT KIND
11 OF WORK, WE DON'T. WE NEED PEOPLE WHO ARE GOING TO STEP UP AND
12 SAY, "HEY, I'M A RESIDENT. I LOVE THIS COUNTY. I LOVE THESE
13 PEOPLE. THAT'S NOT RIGHT BEHAVIOR." AND WE NEED PEOPLE TO SAY
14 IT OUT LOUD. AND THE SHERIFF HAS TO GO, "WELL, THAT'S A
15 PROBLEM." THE SHERIFF, IN THE MEANTIME-- ONCE AGAIN, I LOVE
16 THE GUY, HE'S A SWEET MAN. WHERE IS HE? HE GETS RIGHT UP AFTER
17 THE PUBLIC STARTS TALKING? HOW IS THAT WHAT WE WANT? THAT'S
18 NOT WHAT I REMEMBER DURING THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL. I REMEMBER. I
19 THOUGHT MAYBE I GOT IT WRONG AND I'LL DOUBLE-CHECK, BUT HE WAS
20 FOR CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT, MEANINGFUL CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT. IF YOU
21 DON'T THINK THE SUBPOENAING ADMINISTRATIVE AND VARIOUS KINDS
22 OF RECORDS IS APPROPRIATE, THEN WE OUGHT TO SCRAP THE WHOLE
23 O.I.G. GO BACK TO THE O.I.R. GET GENNACO BACK. THANK YOU.
24
25 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT WITNESS.

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1

2 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON, ARNOLD SACHS.
3 AWFULLY FAMILIAR. TWO YEARS AGO MAX HUNTSMAN MENTIONED TWO
4 YEARS AGO WHEN HE WAS HIRED. SUPERVISOR MOLINA, THIS IS WASH,
5 RINSE, REPEAT. SHE HAD THE SAME PROBLEMS. HE MENTIONED A
6 SERIES OF SHOOTINGS. SUPERVISOR MOLINA WANTED TO GET SOME
7 INFORMATION FROM COUNTY COUNSEL. COULDN'T GET IT. MAX HUNTSMAN
8 IN THE NEWSPAPER MENTIONED THAT HE HAD AN AGREEMENT WITH
9 SHERIFF BACA AT THE TIME THAT WOULD ALLOW HIM TO GET ALL
10 CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION. SHERIFF BACA LEFT. MAX HUNTSMAN
11 SAID, "WELL I'M NOT SURE WHAT WILL HAPPEN WITH THE NEW
12 SHERIFF." SO WE'RE AT THE SAME POINT, EXACTLY THE SAME POINT.
13 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL, ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGES.
14 DIDN'T YOU TAKE A MOTION TO MAKE HIM DO ATTORNEY/CLIENT
15 PRIVILEGE? THERE'S THE ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGE WITH THE
16 OVERSIGHT COMMISSION, ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGE WITH THE BOARD
17 OF SUPERVISORS, AND ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGE WITH THE
18 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. THAT'S QUITE A LOT OF ON YOUR PLATE,
19 DON'T YOU THINK? THE STATE LAW THAT WAS MENTIONED, THE BOARD
20 OF SUPERVISORS HAS SUPERVISION OVER ALL SWORN PERSONNEL WHICH
21 THEY ADVOCATED WHEN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ABSORBED THE
22 COUNTY POLICE. BIG STORY. HOW DID THEY HIRE POLICE WITH SUCH
23 OUTRAGEOUS TRACK RECORD? WE DIDN'T KNOW. SUPERVISOR MOLINA,
24 REQUESTS FOR PERMISSION FROM THE COUNTY COUNCIL, IT WAS
25 REFUSED. SO WHAT WOULD HAPPEN WITH THE O.I.G.? WILL THE COUNTY

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1 COME? WON'T GET THE INFORMATION FROM THE COUNTY COUNSEL, FROM
2 THE O.I.G., EITHER. WHY NOT? BECAUSE ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGE
3 WITH THE SHERIFFS. AND THE SHERIFF HIMSELF GOES OUT HIS
4 CONVERSATION WITH A REMARK ABOUT 20 YEARS' POLICY. SO WHAT'S
5 CHANGING? NOTHING. YOU KNOW, I START THIS CONVERSATION WITH
6 SUPERVISOR MOLINA. I'M GOING TO END THIS CONVERSATION WITH
7 SUPERVISOR MOLINA. SHE ONCE MADE A FAMOUS QUOTE IN HERE. SHE
8 WAS TALKING ABOUT D.C.F.S. SHE SAID NOTHING BUT A HAND JOB.

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I'D LIKE TO CALL UP SOME OTHER
11 WITNESSES BEFORE WE HEAR FROM YOU. ARYEH COHEN. STEVEN ROGERS.
12 AND ERIC LOPEZ. GO AN AHEAD.

13

14 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
15 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. YOU KNOW, I AM CONSTANTLY CONCERNED
16 THE STATE OF DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PUBLIC AND THE BOARD.
17 AND WHAT I'M SEEING IS A LOT-- NO MATTER WHAT, SOMETIMES THE
18 BOARD DOES OR THE SHERIFF IS NEGATIVE COMMENTS. FROM THE
19 BEGINNING, PERSONALLY MYSELF, I DID NOT BELIEVE THERE SHOULD
20 BE SUBPOENA POWER. FOR ONE THING IT'S VERY DIFFICULT TO
21 GUARANTEE IT BECAUSE EVEN IF YOU HAVE THE SUBPOENA POWER, IT
22 CAN ALWAYS BE CHALLENGED. THE OTHER THING IS THE DESIRE TO
23 HAVE NOBODY WHO HAS EVER BEEN ON THE FORCE TO BE ON THAT
24 COMMITTEE IS TOTALLY ABSURD BECAUSE YOU HAVE TO KNOW CERTAIN
25 RULES TO KNOW IF THINGS HAVE BEEN BROKEN AND SO ON. SO FROM

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1 THE BEGINNING I HAVE SEEN A LOT OF ANTAGONISTIC RESPONSE AND A
2 LOT OF HATRED FOR THE POLICE FORCE. THAT'S OF GREAT CONCERN TO
3 ME, ESPECIALLY WHEN WE SEE TERRORISM ARISING. IT HAS TO BE A
4 TIME WHERE YOU CAN TRUST THE PEOPLE WHO ARE SUPPOSED TO
5 PROTECT YOU. YES, THERE IS SOME BAD APPLES. THAT'S TRUE
6 EVERYWHERE. BUT I'M SURE A LOT OF THE PEOPLE WHO COME HERE
7 FROM THE PUBLIC, THERE IS PLENTY OF BAD APPLES, TOO. BUT I SEE
8 THAT'S A GOOD BEGINNING. AND I THINK WE SHOULD SEE HOW IT
9 WORKS AND GO FROM THERE.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT WITNESS.

12

13 **RABBI ARYEH COHEN:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I AM RABBI ARYEH COHEN. I'M
14 THE RABBI IN RESIDENCE OF BEND THE ARC, A JEWISH PARTNERSHIP
15 FOR JUSTICE. LAST YEAR WE CELEBRATED WHEN THIS BOARD PASSED A
16 MOTION TO CREATE A CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION. LAST WEEK WE
17 WERE IMPATIENT. TODAY I AM ANXIOUS AND WORRIED. THOUGH I'M
18 INDEED HAPPY THAT THERE WILL BE A CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT
19 COMMISSION, THERE'S SEVERAL PROBLEMS CREATED BY THE STRUCTURE
20 IMPOSED BY THIS M.O.A. FIRST, IT WILL CREATE UNNECESSARY
21 TENSION BETWEEN THE STAFF OF THE O.I.G. AND THE NEW CIVILIAN
22 OVERSIGHT COMMISSION. WHEN THE O.I.G. AND THE COMMISSION ARE
23 WORKING, UNLESS THE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION IS GUARANTEED DIRECT
24 ACCESS TO INFORMATION WITHOUT AN INTERMEDIARY SUCH AS THE
25 O.I.G. IT WILL NOT BE TRULY INDEPENDENT AND THE PUBLIC'S TRUST

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1 WON'T BE RESTORED. WHEN THE O.I.G. AND CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT
2 COMMISSION ARE WORKING ON DIFFERENT CASES ON THE SHERIFF'S
3 DEPARTMENT, THE O.I.G. WILL NATURALLY FAVOR THE INFORMATION IT
4 NEEDS. SINCE THERE IS NO POWER OF COERCION, IT MIGHT BE
5 TEMPTED TO BARTER AWAY THE INFORMATION THAT THE OVERNIGHT
6 COMMISSION NEEDS SO IT WOULD GET ITS OWN. EVEN IF THIS DOES
7 NOT HAPPEN, THE PUBLIC PERCEPTION WILL BE THAT THE CIVILIAN
8 OVERSIGHT COMMISSION IS NOT INDEPENDENT, AS IT CAN ONLY GET
9 SENSITIVE INFORMATION FILTERED THROUGH THE O.I.G.'S NONBINDING
10 AGREEMENT OF THE WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, AND THUS
11 CANNOT PURSUE AN INDEPENDENT LINE OF INQUIRY. LAST YEAR WE
12 CELEBRATED TOGETHER. LAST WEEK WE WERE IMPATIENT. TODAY WE ARE
13 ANXIOUS AND CAUTIOUS. AS IT STANDS NOW, ACCORDING TO THE DRAFT
14 OF THE M.O.A., THE C.O.C., THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION'S
15 SUBSERVIENT TO THE OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL. WITHOUT
16 INDEPENDENT AUTHORITY, THE COMMISSION WHICH IS SUPPOSED TO
17 OVERSEE THE LARGEST SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IN THE COUNTRY,
18 RUNNING THE LARGEST JAIL SYSTEM IN THE WORLD, STARTS OUT
19 HOBbled BY THE LACK OF APPROPRIATE POWERS. THE BEST PRACTICES
20 OF OVERSIGHT COMMISSIONS AROUND THE COUNTRY INDICATE THAT
21 INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATIVE POWER IS ESSENTIAL. THE STORY OF
22 POLICE ABUSE UNFOLDING IN CHICAGO MAKES THIS OBVIOUS. THE
23 POINT OF ESTABLISHING A CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION IS TO
24 CURB WELL DOCUMENTED, HISTORIC ABUSES OF POWER AND TO CREATE
25 THE ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY NECESSARY FOR THE L.A.

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1 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO WIN BACK THE TRUST OF THE PUBLIC.
2 WITHOUT ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY, THE SHERIFF'S
3 DEPARTMENT HAS NO CREDIBILITY AND THEREFORE NO LEGITIMACY
4 AMONG THE VERY PEOPLE IT'S SUPPOSED TO SERVE.

5

6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE.

7

8 **ERIC LOPEZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ERIC LOPEZ. I REPRESENT
9 C.A.L.O YOUTH BUILD AND I'M HERE TO TALK ABOUT CIVILIAN
10 OVERSIGHT, THE M.O.A. AND FUTURE C.R.B. WE WANT THE M.O.A. BUT
11 BECAUSE IT IS WEAK, WE ALSO WANT C.R.B. TO HAVE WHAT WE HAVE
12 BEEN ASKING FOR QUITE A TIME WHICH IS SUBPOENA POWER. WE ALSO
13 WANT COMMUNITY MEMBERS ON THE C.R.B. BECAUSE I'M PRETTY SURE
14 THAT THEY WOULD BE SUCH AN EXCEPTIONAL ELEMENT AND RESOURCE.
15 THERE ARE MANY ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE UNITED AND WELL INFORMED
16 ON THE ISSUE. THIS MOMENT-- THIS MOVEMENT AND THE PEOPLE
17 DRIVING IT ARE RESOURCES THAT SHOULD BE EMBRACED AND
18 INCORPORATED INTO THE C.R.B. DO NOT SHUT US OUT OF THE BOARD
19 THAT WE HAVE WORKED TO CREATE. JUST TO MAKE MY POINT CLEAR, I
20 WANT THE C.R.B. TO HAVE SUBPOENA POWER AND INDEPENDENT ACCESS
21 TO INFORMATION FROM THE SHERIFF'S. THAT IS ALL. THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS.

24

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1 STEVEN ROGERS YEAH, STEVE ROGERS, DIGNITY AND POWER NOW. I'D
2 LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD FOR THE WORK YOU'VE DONE ON THIS. I
3 KNOW THIS IS A LONG TIME IN COMING AND WE APPRECIATE YOU
4 MOVING FORWARD WITH THIS M.O.U. THE COALITION ON SHERIFF'S
5 VIOLENCE HAS BEEN ASKING FOR THE M.O.U. AS WELL AS OUR FIVE
6 DEMANDS FOR A LONG TIME. WE DO BELIEVE IT'S IMPORTANT. THERE
7 WERE SOME CONCERNS WITH THE M.O.U. FOR IT TO BE EFFECTIVE. IT
8 SEEMS RELIANT ON THE PEOPLE THAT HOLD THE OFFICES OF SHERIFF
9 AND THE INSPECTOR GENERAL. THERE IS AN AGREEMENT THERE. BUT I
10 GUESS THERE'S A 60-DAY TERM BEFORE THEY ACTUALLY REVIEW, HOW
11 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HANDLING THAT. SO WE'LL SEE HOW THAT
12 GOES. BUT IT DOESN'T-- I DIDN'T SEE ANYTHING THE M.O.A. THAT
13 SAID THAT THAT WOULD BE CONTINUALLY REVIEWED OR THAT IT WOULD
14 BE REVIEWED AGAIN LATER ON ANOTHER DATE. I THINK THAT WOULD BE
15 IMPORTANT, AS WELL. THE TIMES ARE DIFFICULT RIGHT NOW. WE NEED
16 A LAW ENFORCEMENT THAT WE CAN GET BEHIND. WE NEED A SHERIFF'S
17 DEPARTMENT WE CAN BE PROUD OF. AND WE NEED OUR GUARDIANS TO BE
18 PEOPLE THAT WE CAN TRUST AND LOOK UP TO. AND THERE'S GOING TO
19 BE SOME BAD APPLES IN ANY GROUP. AS A WHOLE WE'RE NOT AGAINST
20 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. WE JUST WANT TO BE INVOLVED IN
21 WHAT'S GOING ON. THERE ARE A LOT OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS
22 INVOLVED IN DRAFTING THIS M.O.U. THE COMMUNITY WAS NOT
23 INVOLVED. WE GOT TO SEE IT A COUPLE DAYS AGO. WE BELIEVE IT'S
24 A STRONG STEP. BUT THERE'S ALSO THE IDEA THAT AT SOME POINT
25 THE SHERIFF THAT'S ASSIGNED TO THIS WILL NOT BE THE SHERIFF

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1 ANYMORE AND THE INSPECTOR GENERAL ASSIGNED TO THIS WILL NOT BE
2 THE INSPECTOR GENERAL ANYMORE. SO WE NEED SOMETHING STRONGER.
3 SOMETHING CONCRETE THAT WILL LAST BEYOND THAT. THIS BOARD MAY
4 NOT EVEN BE HERE SOME DAY. AND WE WANT SOMETHING THAT OUR
5 CHILDREN CAN RELY ON TO PROTECT THEM. SOME POSSIBLE DANGEROUS
6 MEN WHO MAY HOLD A GUN. THANK YOU.

7

8 >>SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: I ALSO WANT TO MAKE A STATEMENT AND
9 I KNOW I'LL TURN IT OVER TO THE OTHER BOARD MEMBERS. BUT THIS
10 HAS BEEN A LONG, DRAWN-OUT EXERCISE AND IT HAS BEEN LABORIOUS.
11 THERE HAVE BEEN A LOT OF FOLKS THAT HAVE BEEN WORKING BEHIND
12 THE SCENES, WORKING WITH OUR STAKEHOLDERS IN THE COMMUNITY.
13 AND I REALLY WANT TO THANK THE PUBLIC FOR COMING OUT TODAY AND
14 THAT HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH OUR STAFFS FOR THE LAST YEAR FOR
15 SOME OF US WHO HAVE BEEN HERE THAT LONG. I KNOW PROGRESS
16 SOMETIMES TAKES TIME, AND SOMETIMES WE MEET CHALLENGES THAT
17 WE'RE NOT ABLE TO SUCCESSFULLY SEE THROUGH. BUT THAT DOESN'T
18 MEAN THAT WE GIVE UP AND IT DOESN'T MEAN THAT WE ALSO DON'T DO
19 OUR DUE DILIGENCE BY MAKING SURE THAT WE AS A BOARD MONITOR
20 WHAT HAPPENS HERE. AND I HAVE TO TELL YOU THAT I AM VERY
21 PLEASED WITH OUR COUNTY COUNSEL. AND IN PARTICULAR OUR CHIEF
22 COUNTY COUNSEL, MARY WICKHAM, FOR THE JOB THAT SHE DID TO HELP
23 US ARRIVE AT THIS. I CAN'T EVEN BEGIN TO TELL YOU HOW
24 DIFFICULT THIS WAS FOR MANY OF US ON THE BOARD. IT'S NOT TO
25 SAY THAT THIS IS DONE. IT'S JUST THE FIRST STEP. SOMETIMES YOU

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1 HAVE TO TAKE SMALLER STEPS TO GET OVER THE GOAL. AND THE GOAL
2 IS TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE INCLUSIVE, THAT WE HEAR ALL
3 VOICES. AND I WOULD EXPECT THAT OUR COMMUNITIES AND THE
4 STAKEHOLDERS THAT HAVE BEEN COMING HERE REGULARLY WILL
5 CONTINUE TO DO THAT AND WILL CONTINUE TO REACH OUT TO OUR
6 DEPUTIES TO HELP US BETTER CRAFT AND UNDERSTAND MOTIONS AND
7 EVENTUALLY PROCEDURES THAT WE WANT TO SEE THAT ARE REALLY
8 FAIR. AND I KNOW IT'S A LONG TIME COMING, BUT I ALSO WANT TO
9 THANK OUR I.G. BECAUSE I THINK HE HAS DONE A LOT. AND I ALSO
10 WANT TO THANK OUR SHERIFF FOR BEGINNING TO OPEN UP WHAT I
11 THINK IS A GOOD DIALOGUE AND DISCUSSION THAT'S SO NECESSARY ON
12 THE PART OF THIS NEW BOARD. I WANT TO EMPHASIZE THAT. NEW
13 BOARD. WE DIDN'T GET HERE JUST IN ONE YEAR. WE GOT HERE
14 BECAUSE OF A SERIES OF THINGS THAT TOOK PLACE BEFORE WE GOT
15 HERE. AND SOME OF US RAN AND CAMPAIGNED ON THE IDEA THAT WE
16 WANTED TO SEE MORE OPENNESS AND WE WANTED TO SEE REFORM IN OUR
17 JAIL SYSTEM. BUT WE ALSO WANT TO HELP MOVE IT ALONG AND
18 IMPROVE UPON IT. AND I AM A PROBLEM SOLVER. I WANT TO FIX IT.
19 I WANT TO SEE THAT WE CAN GET TO THE RIGHT CONCLUSION AND
20 HOPEFULLY HAVE SOME TREMENDOUS OUTCOMES. SO IT'S GOING TO TAKE
21 A WHILE. DOESN'T MEAN THAT WE'RE GIVING UP. BUT IT DOES MEAN
22 THAT I DO EXPECT THAT I WOULD HOPE THAT THE WORKING GROUP, THE
23 RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WERE MADE THAT WE WILL FULFILL THOSE
24 BUDGETARILY BY MAKING SURE THAT THE COMMISSION HAS THE
25 APPROPRIATE STAFF THAT'S NEEDED TO KEEP THAT GOING. AND THEN

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1 IN A FEW MONTHS OR A MONTH, WE MAY SEE APPOINTMENTS BEING
2 MADE. THE BOARD WILL TAKE UP THAT NEXT DISCUSSION TO SEE THAT
3 WE HAVE STAKEHOLDERS THAT REFLECT OUR COMMUNITIES. I WANT TO
4 SAY THAT. WITH THAT, I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT IT'S IMPORTANT TO
5 HEAR YOUR VOICES. I THANK YOU FOR COMING. THIS IS OUR LAST
6 MEETING OF THE YEAR. BELIEVE ME, WE HAVE TAKEN MUCH INTO
7 CONSIDERATION. AND WE CONTINUE TO TAKE YOUR VOICES INTO
8 CONSIDERATION AND LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU AS WE START
9 UP IN JANUARY BECAUSE THAT'S WHEN THE REAL WORK'S GOING TO
10 START. AND WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU ARE A PART OF THAT
11 DISCUSSION. SO I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO SUPERVISOR
12 RIDLEY-THOMAS AND KUEHL AND TO OUR STAFFS AND TO ALL THE FOLKS
13 THAT WERE MENTIONED BEFORE BECAUSE IN MY OPINION THIS IS THE
14 FIRST STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

15

16 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. WE SIT HERE WEEK
17 AFTER WEEK AND CONSIDER A GREAT MANY ISSUES THAT TOUCH
18 MILLIONS OF LIVES. AND THE MOST IMPORTANT AND MOVING TO ME,
19 REALLY, ARE THE PEOPLE WHO COME TO TESTIFY ABOUT THESE ISSUES
20 BECAUSE IT'S KIND OF EVERY WEEK A COMBINATION OF REAL PAIN AND
21 REAL SOLUTIONS WORKING TOGETHER, STRIVING, STRETCHING, DOING
22 EVERYTHING THEY CAN. AND IT'S NOT LOST ON ME HOW MUCH HOPE,
23 EXPECTATIONS AND SOMETIMES EVEN CONFIDENCE IS PLACED ON THE
24 FIVE OF US TO TRY TO FIX SOMETHING, TO TRY TO GET TO
25 SOMETHING. THIS WAS A PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT AREA BECAUSE OF

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1 THE PEACE OFFICERS' BILL OF RIGHTS. T.S. ELLIOTT, THE POET,
2 ONCE WROTE, "BETWEEN THE IDEA AND THE ACTION FALLS THE
3 SHADOW." AND I KNOW YOU HAVE INDICATED TO US GOOD IDEA A YEAR
4 AGO WHERE'S THE ACTION? AND WE ARE GOING TO CREATE THE
5 CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION. WE WILL LIKELY HAVE A MOTION
6 NEXT MONTH ABOUT IT. THOUGH WE HAVE TO DO A GOOD DEAL OF TALK
7 AMONG OURSELVES ABOUT APPOINTMENTS AND HOW THEY WILL GO AND
8 WHAT THE POWERS WILL BE AND THE RELATIONSHIP TO THE SHERIFF,
9 TO THE M.O.A., TO THE INSPECTOR GENERAL. WE WOULD HAVE LOVED
10 TO JUST THROW SUBPOENA POWER TO EVERYBODY, I THINK. BUT ONE OF
11 THE INTERESTING THINGS ABOUT SUBPOENA POWER IS THAT IT OFTEN
12 DOESN'T GET YOU THE THINGS THAT YOU WANT. IF ANY OF YOU HAVE
13 EVER FILED A SUBPOENA OR BEEN IN A CASE THAT FILED A SUBPOENA,
14 OFTEN THE OTHER SIDE WILL FILE SOMETHING CALLED A MOTION TO
15 QUASH. THE MOTION TO QUASH THE SUBPOENA IS THE HOPE THAT YOU
16 WON'T GET WHAT YOU'RE ASKING FOR. IN THIS CASE IT'S REALLY
17 COMPLICATED BECAUSE OF THE STATE LAW, BECAUSE OF THE PEACE
18 OFFICERS' BILL OF RIGHTS WHICH IS IN THE GOVERNMENT CODE,
19 WHICH SAYS ON INDIVIDUAL CASES, IT MIGHT BE A REASON NOT TO
20 GIVE YOU, FOR THE COURT NOT TO GIVE YOU WHAT YOU ASK FOR IN
21 THE SUBPOENA. WE'RE NOT EVER GIVING UP ON SUBPOENA POWER. WE
22 ARE TRYING TO FIND A WAY TO GET MORE. AND MY OWN PERSONAL
23 OPINION IS THAT THIS M.O.A. WILL GIVE THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
24 MORE THAN HE COULD HAVE GOTTEN WITH A SUBPOENA BECAUSE THE
25 AGREEMENT MEANS THERE WILL NOT BE A CHALLENGE TO THE REQUESTED

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1 INFORMATION. AND TO THAT YOU SAY, YEAH. WE'LL SEE. WELL,
2 THAT'S WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO, TOO. WE'RE GOING TO SEE. WE
3 WANT TO KNOW WHAT'S NOT BEING GIVEN THAT WAS AGREED TO. SO I
4 THINK THIS IS AN ITERATIVE PROCESS, ONE THAT WILL CONTINUE TO
5 DEVELOP. AND I REALLY THINK THAT THE PRESSURE OF THE COMMUNITY
6 HAS BEEN THE MOST IMPORTANT THING. I'VE SAT OUT THERE, BELIEVE
7 ME, MANY YEARS BEFORE I RAN FOR OFFICE AND I NEVER FELT LIKE
8 THE PRESSURE WAS REALLY WORKING. BUT I CAN TELL YOU THE LAW
9 HAS CHANGED IN CALIFORNIA. THE ORDINANCES HAVE CHANGED IN THE
10 COUNTY. THAT PRESSURE, IT'S NOT JUST PRESSURE. IT'S THAT SOME
11 OF US ACTUALLY AGREE WITH YOU AND WERE GOING TO TRY TO GET
12 THERE. SO THIS IS A FIRST STEP. IT TOOK A YEAR BECAUSE WE
13 THOUGHT IT WAS A GOOD FIRST STEP. BUT WE'RE NOT GOING TO WAIT
14 VERY LONG ON THE COMMISSION. SO, AGAIN, I THANK YOU. I THANK
15 THE SHERIFF. I THANK THE I.G. I THANK MY COLLEAGUES. I THANK
16 MY STAFF AND STAFF OF MY COLLEAGUES BECAUSE PEOPLE HAVE PUT IN
17 A LOT OF BLOOD, SWEAT AND TEARS ON THIS ONE. WE'LL SEE. THANK
18 YOU.

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. AND TO MEMBERS
23 OF THE BOARD, IT'S ALREADY APPRECIATED HOW MUCH EFFORT HAS PUT
24 INTO THIS. WE BEGAN THIS JOURNEY PURSUANT TO THE CITIZENS'
25 COMMISSION ON JAIL VIOLENCE. IT WAS OCTOBER OF 2012 WHEN THE

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1 OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL WAS AGREED UPON BY THE BOARD.
2 IN THAT SAME EMOTION THAT THE IDEA OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
3 CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE WAS ADVANCED. THE BOARD CHOSE TO
4 BIFURCATE AND MOVE WITH THE OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL.
5 THE MAJORITY OF THE BOARD IN ITS WISDOM SAID LET'S GET THAT
6 POINT FIRST AND REVISIT THE BALANCE OF THE ITEM LATER. AND
7 THEN IT WAS IN NOVEMBER THAT IS SEPTEMBER OF THE FOLLOWING
8 YEAR, 2013, THAT THERE WAS ONE ADDITIONAL MEMBER OF THE BOARD
9 SAID THE TIME HAS COME FOR US TO REALLY CONSIDER THE ISSUE OF
10 OVERSIGHT. AND THAT WAS STILL SHORT OF THE MAJORITY THAT WAS
11 NEEDED TO MOVE THIS ISSUE FORWARD. THE FUNDAMENTAL PROPOSITION
12 BEING THAT IN THE 21ST CENTURY, CONSTITUTIONAL POLICING IS
13 SIMPLY NORMATIVE. AND WHAT IT SUGGESTS BEYOND THAT IS THAT YOU
14 HAVE TO HAVE AN INSPECTOR GENERAL. YOU HAVE TO HAVE AN
15 OVERSIGHT COMMISSION IN ORDER TO CONSIDER YOURSELF A MODERN, A
16 CONTEMPORARY, A CONSTITUTIONAL POLICE AGENCY, THAT ONE THAT IS
17 PREPARED TO DISPLAY OR AT LEAST EMULATE BEST PRACTICES. THAT'S
18 WHAT WE STRIVE FOR. THAT'S WHY WHEN SHERIFF MCDONNELL
19 CAMPAIGNED FOR THAT POSITION, HE MADE IT SURE THAT HE WAS
20 SUPPORTIVE OF A CITIZENS COMMISSION. SIMPLY BEFORE SHERIFF
21 BACA RETIRED, CAME FORTH AND SAID, THE TIME HAS COME FOR US TO
22 HAVE AN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION. AND WHEN THE MAJORITY OF THE
23 BOARD NOW NOW SEATED HAD THE MATTER BROUGHT BEFORE THEM, THAT
24 IS IN 2014, SPECIFICALLY DECEMBER 9TH, WE DECIDED TO MOVE
25 FORWARD WITH THAT COMMISSION. SO THAT IS A LITTLE BIT OF THE

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1 CHRONOLOGY AND THE HISTORY THAT INFORMS THIS. DISCUSSION. NOW
2 IT'S IRRELEVANT THAT PEOPLE HAVE RAISED THE ISSUE THAT THIS IS
3 JUST A BABY STEP, AN INCREMENTAL STEP, ET CETERA. WELL, THIS
4 IS A PART OF WHAT NEEDED TO BE ADDRESSED BEFORE WE COULD FULLY
5 MOVE THE ISSUE OF THE COMMISSION FORWARD, OTHERWISE WE WOULD
6 HAVE HAD TO COME BACK TO THIS ISSUE AND ADDRESS IT IN THE
7 CONTEXT OF THE ADOPTION OF THE COMMISSION. THEN IT WOULD HAVE
8 TAKEN MORE TIME. THE WISDOM OF WHAT WE'RE DOING NOW IS TO
9 SETTLE THESE OUTSTANDING QUESTIONS AND TAKE THE COMMISSION UP.
10 IT IS MY HOPE THAT IN JANUARY, EITHER THE 11TH OR THE 18TH
11 PURSUANT TO THE CHAIR'S CONSENT, THAT YOU WILL SEE A MOTION
12 MOVING THE ADOPTION OF THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION FORWARD.
13 THIS IS ALL THOUGHT THROUGH. IT IS ALL PLANNED. IT IS NOT
14 REACTIVE. LET ME JUST SIMPLY SAY THIS IS A LOT OF WORK. YOUR
15 INPUT ACROSS THE BOARD HAS BEEN TAKEN VERY SERIOUSLY, AS IS
16 DOCUMENTED WITH THE NUMBER OF HEARINGS THAT WE'VE HAD. AND WE
17 JUST INVITE YOU TO STAY ON THE CASE HERE. ALL OF IT'S BEING
18 TAKEN SERIOUSLY, AND IT SHOULD BE. WE OFFER NOT PERFECTION.
19 SIMPLY THAT OF PROGRESS. THAT'S OUR COMMITMENT. THAT'S WHAT
20 YOU'RE SEEING TODAY. MADAME CHAIR, WITH YOUR PERMISSION, I
21 WOULD LIKE TO MOVE THE ITEM.

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ITEM'S BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED BY
24 KUEHL. ARE THERE ANY ABSTENTIONS? THERE IS NO ROLL. WHAT'S THE
25 PLEASURE? WE CAN CALL THE ROLL.

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1

2 SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: CALL THE ROLL.

3

4 SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: CLERK.

5

6 AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
7 THOMAS?

8

9 SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: AYE.

10

11 AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

12

13 SUP. SHEILA KUEHL: AYE.

14

15 AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR KNABE?

16

17 SUP. KNABE: AYE.

18

19 AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR
20 ANTONOVICH?

21

22 SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH: AYE.

23

24 AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

25 SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: AYE.

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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** UNANIMOUS, WOW. [APPLAUSE.]

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NO HAY PROBLEMA. MEMBERS, NEXT ITEM.

5 ITEM NO. 5 AND 60-F WILL BE TAKEN UP AS ONE ITEM. THOSE WHO
6 WISH TO ADDRESS THE ITEM WILL BE GIVEN A SET TIME TO ADDRESS
7 THESE ISSUES TOGETHER. THIS IS-- SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS IS
8 ON A ROLL HERE.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAME CHAIR, LET ME JUST SIMPLY STATE
11 THAT TAKE NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE THINGS THAT MY COLLEAGUE
12 TO MY RIGHT PUTS ME UP TO AND THEN PUTS MY NAME ON IT.
13 [LAUGHTER.] BUT I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO RECOGNIZE THAT THE
14 ISSUE OF GUN VIOLENCE POTENTIALLY WORKPLACE VIOLENCE AND OUR
15 PREVENTIVE EFFORTS ARE VERY, VERY IMPORTANT. WE HAVE
16 AMENDMENTS FROM BOTH SUPERVISORS KNABE AND ANTONOVICH WHICH
17 I'M PREPARED TO ACCEPT. IT'S ALSO VERY CLEAR TO MAKE IT CLEAR
18 THAT ACCORDING TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR,
19 BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS, 397 PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES
20 WERE MURDERED WHILE AT WORK, AS FAR BACK AS 2013. THAT'S MORE
21 THAN WERE KILLED BY FIRES, EXPLOSIONS, GETTING CAUGHT IN
22 EQUIPMENT OR MACHINERY AND EXPOSURE TO HARMFUL SUBSTANCES
23 COMBINED. WORKPLACE VIOLENCE HAS TO BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY. IN
24 2012, THERE WERE SOME 475 WORK-RELATED HOMICIDES IN THE UNITED
25 STATES. GUNS ARE BY FAR THE MOST COMMON INSTRUMENT THAT KILLS

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1 PEOPLE AT WORK. AND IN 2013, THERE WERE SOME 316 FATAL,
2 INTENTIONAL WORKPLACE SHOOTINGS IN THE U.S. THAT REPRESENTED
3 80 PERCENT OF THE HOMICIDES AT WORK. MAY I SAY THAT WOMEN,
4 THIS HAS GENDER CONTENT THAT WE SHOULD MAKE SURE WE
5 UNDERSTAND, WOMEN ARE FAR MORE SUSCEPTIBLE TO BEING MURDERED
6 AT WORK THAN MEN. THE DATA HOLDS THAT UP. AND WHILE WOMEN HAVE
7 A LOWER WORKPLACE FATALITY RATE, THERE WERE SOME 302 FATAL
8 WORKPLACE INJURIES INVOLVING FEMALE WORKERS IN 2013, 22
9 PERCENT OF THEM INVOLVED A HOMICIDE, MAKING IT THE LEADING
10 CAUSE OF DEATH. SO FOR MEN, THE DATA DIFFERS. BUT IT IS
11 IMPORTANT FOR US TO PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO THIS, VERY CLOSE
12 ATTENTION TO THIS. SO, MADAME CHAIR, I WANTED TO BRING THIS
13 MATTER FORWARD. THE MOTION IS TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF VIOLENCE
14 IN OUR COMMUNITIES AS WELL AS IN OUR WORKPLACE. AND FOR THOSE
15 PERSONS WHO ARE HERE TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE BY WAY OF PUBLIC
16 COMMENT AND/OR OUR STAFF, I THINK NOW WOULD BE A GOOD TIME TO
17 ACCOMMODATE THEM AND I THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. I ALSO WISH TO REGISTER MY
20 SUPPORT OF THIS ITEM. I THINK IT'S VERY TIMELY AND OBVIOUSLY
21 WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO OUR 100,000 EMPLOYEES AS WELL AS TO
22 THE 10 MILLION PEOPLE THAT WE REPRESENT. SAFETY IS OUR
23 RESPONSIBILITY AND SHOULD BE OUR PRIORITY. AND THIS IS A
24 COMMON SENSE OPTION THAT'S BEING PRESENTED BEFORE US TODAY. SO
25 I JUST WANT TO ALSO CHIME IN AND LEND MY SUPPORT. DO WE HAVE

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1 ANY QUESTIONS FROM THE BOARD? IF NONE, THEN WE'LL GO DIRECTLY
2 TO OUR WITNESSES. AND WE HAVE SEVERAL. JAMES MA. STAN ROY.
3 MATT FUNICELLO. AND JAMES MCILROY. THANK YOU. YOU CAN START.

4

5 **SPEAKER:** QUICK QUESTION, MADAME CHAIR, I HAD PREPARED NOTES. I
6 TIMED THEM AT HOME AND IT WAS 3 MINUTES AND 48 SECONDS.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YOU HAVE TWO MINUTES.

9

10 **SPEAKER:** TWO MINUTES, OKAY. I'M A FARMS PROFESSIONAL AND
11 CERTIFIED FARMS INSTRUCTOR AND COMPETITOR. I'M A LICENSED
12 ARMED SECURITY GUARD. FORMER PEACE OFFICER, UNITED STATES
13 MARINE WITH TWO TOURS IN IRAQ. THAT BEING SAID, I CAME TO
14 QUESTION THE BOARD'S DECISION TODAY TO CONSIDER THESE MEASURES
15 WITHOUT THE FULL KNOWLEDGE OF MEASURES. TO ADDRESS THE FIRST
16 POINT ,YOU MENTIONED BETTER ENFORCEMENT OPTION. I WOULD LIKE
17 TO POINT OUT THAT WITH THE PASSAGE OF PROP 47 WHICH YOU ALL
18 SUPPORTED, YOU TOOK AWAY THE ONE GUN LAW THAT ACTUALLY MADE
19 SENSE. POSSESSION OF A STOLEN FIREARM WAS A FELONY OFFENSE.
20 NOW IT IS A MISDEMEANOR. WHEN SOMEBODY CAUGHT IN POSSESSION OF
21 A STOLEN FIREARM IS NOW RELEASED IN THE FIELD WITH A CITATION.
22 IN ADDITION TO THAT, THE DEPUTY-INVOLVED SHOOTING IN LYNWOOD
23 IS A PERFECT EXAMPLE, WHERE ONE, A CONVICTED FELON IN
24 POSSESSION OF A FIREARM WHO SHOULDN'T HAVE HAD THAT FIREARM
25 WAS THEN SHOT BY POLICE. IN ADDITION TO YOUR FIRST POINT, YOUR

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1 POSITION ON SEMI-AUTOMATIC FIREARMS IS MISGUIDED. IT IS BASED
2 ON FEAR OF THE UNKNOWN. INCLUDING RIFLES AND SHOTGUNS, THE
3 F.B.I. STATES THAT THEY CAUSE ONLY 350 MURDERS PER YEAR OUT OF
4 THE ROUGHLY 8500 BY TOTAL FIREARMS. FORCING GUN OWNERS TO
5 PURCHASE INSURANCE IS ILLEGAL. IF YOU COMPARED GUNS TO CARS
6 YOU MUST BE TRUTHFUL ABOUT IT. I AM NOT REQUIRED TO PURCHASE
7 INSURANCE NOR REGISTER MY VEHICLE IF IT IS STORED AND USED ON
8 PRIVATE PROPERTY. IF I USE MY LEGALLY OWNED FIREARM TO PROTECT
9 MY FAMILY, HOW CAN I BE HELD LIABLE BY THIS? AND FINALLY,
10 TAXING AMMUNITION FIREARMS, HOW DOES THIS HELP STOP COLD GUN
11 VIOLENCE? BY FORCING AN ADDITIONAL TAX ON FIREARMS AND
12 AMMUNITION IS DIRECT ATTACK ON GUN OWNERS AND LAW ABIDING
13 CITIZENS ALIKE. I ALREADY PAY STATE SALES TAX WHEN I PURCHASE
14 FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION. WHY AM I BEING FORCED TO PAY MORE? I
15 AM NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ACTS OF A CRIMINAL, WHICH IS WHAT
16 YOU ARE PROPOSING ME TO DO BY TAXING ME. IN CLOSING, DUE TO MY
17 PROFESSION, I GO TO THE RANGE OFTEN. I FIRE THOUSANDS OF
18 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITIONS TO KEEP UP MY TRAINING AND
19 QUALIFICATIONS. BY YOUR PROPOSALS, YOU WOULD FORCE ME TO PAY
20 THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS EXTRA JUST TO EXERCISE MY CONSTITUTIONAL
21 RIGHTS AS AN AMERICAN.

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME IS UP. THANK YOU
24 VERY MUCH. WE ALSO HAVE A SPEAKER FROM LANCASTER. STAN ROY.
25 STAN, YOU'RE ON.

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1

2 **STAN ROY:** THANK YOU. CURRENTLY, THE F.B.I. ADMINISTERS THE

3 NATIONAL INSTANT CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK SYSTEM, WHICH IS

4 INSTANTLY USED WHEN SOMEONE-- WHEN A CASHIER CALLS IN A CHECK

5 TO THE F.B.I. OR OTHER DESIGNATED AGENCIES TO INSURE THAT EACH

6 CUSTOMER DOES NOT HAVE A CRIMINAL RECORD OR IS NOT OTHERWISE

7 INELIGIBLE TO MAKE A PURCHASE. IN CALIFORNIA, WE ADDITIONALLY

8 HAVE A 10-DAY WAITING PERIOD IN ORDER TO PICK UP THAT GUN

9 REGARDLESS OF WHETHER WE ALREADY OWN ADDITIONAL FIREARMS OR

10 NOT. WITH REGARDS TO INSURANCE OR LAW-ABIDING GUN OWNERS TO BE

11 PUNISHED FOR THE ACTS OF CRIMINALS, ARE WE TO THINK THAT

12 PEOPLE COMMITTING ARMED ROBBERIES, RAPES AND HOMICIDES ARE

13 GOING TO PAY FOR INSURANCE? THIS IS ONE ADDITIONAL WAY TO MAKE

14 THIS A SOCIOECONOMIC ISSUE. LAW-ABIDING CITIZENS WILL FACE

15 ADDITIONAL BURDENS AND INFRINGEMENTS ON THEIR RIGHTS TO BEAR

16 ARMS AND TO PROTECT OUR LOVED ONES. WITH REGARDS TO ADDITIONAL

17 TAXES ON FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION, THIS IS ANOTHER THAT TURNS

18 IT INTO A SOCIOECONOMIC ISSUE. THE LESS FORTUNATE HAVE THE

19 SAME RIGHTS TO SELF DEFENSE AND PROTECTION OF THEIR LOVED ONES

20 AND THIS WOULD MAKE IT MUCH MORE EXPENSIVE TO BUY AMMUNITION

21 FOR TRAINING TO BECOME AND STAY PROFICIENT IN THE USE OF GUNS.

22 AS AN N.R.A. INSTRUCTOR, I SEE FIRSTHAND HOW RISING COSTS CAN

23 PREVENT LAW-ABIDING CITIZENS FROM BEING ABLE TO LEARN AND

24 TRAIN MORE. NONE OF THESE WOULD HAVE PREVENTED THE TRAGEDY IN

25 SAN BERNARDINO. TWO OF THESE GUNS WERE ACQUIRED ILLEGALLY IT'S

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1 IMPORTANT TO NOTE. I'VE HEARD EVERYONE SO FAR SPEAK OVER AND
2 OVER ABOUT INCLUSIVENESS AND DISCRIMINATION. I WOULD ASK THAT
3 YOU STOP PERSECUTING LAW-ABIDING GUN OWNERS AND I WOULD ASK
4 YOU STOP DISCRIMINATING AGAINST LAW-ABIDING GUN OWNERS. THANK
5 YOU.

6

7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. OUR NEXT WITNESS
8 HERE.

9

10 **JAMES MA:** HELLO, I'M JAMES MA. THE PROPOSAL HERE ASKS FOR A
11 REPORT THAT INCLUDES PEOPLE FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT,
12 DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND VARIOUS HEALTH ORGANIZATIONS. AND WHAT I
13 WOULD LIKE TO SAY IS ALSO MAYBE SOME ADDITIONAL EXPERTISE FROM
14 SECURITY EXPERTS, FROM TERRORISM, COUNTER-TERRORISM EXPERTS,
15 FROM SELF-DEFENSE EXPERTS. TO ADDRESS ALSO ONE OF THE OPTIONS
16 THAT YOU'RE CONSIDERING IS EXPANDING BACKGROUND CHECKS. WHILE
17 BACKGROUND CHECKS LOOK GOOD IN THE NEWS, THERE WAS AN ARTICLE
18 IN THE BOSTON GLOBE DATED FEBRUARY 13TH, 2014 WHERE THEY CITED
19 TWO DIFFERENT STUDIES. AND IN THESE STUDIES, ONE BY JOHN
20 BIRNEK DIRECTOR OF JOHN HOPKINS CENTER FOR GUN POLICY AND
21 STATED THAT THERE WAS NO COMPELLING EVIDENCE THAT GUN BUYBACKS
22 REDUCED CRIME. ANOTHER STUDY IN 2003 BY ANTHONY BRAGA, A
23 PROFESSOR AT RUTGERS UNIVERSITY, FOUND THERE WAS NO IMPACT ON
24 GUN CRIMES OR INJURIES DUE TO GUN BUYBACK PROGRAMS. SO WE'D
25 LIKE YOU TO RECONSIDER THAT AS AN OPTION. HERE IN CALIFORNIA,

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1 THE BRADY CAMPAIGN, WHICH IS A KNOWN ANTI-GUN ORGANIZATION,
2 TOUTS CALIFORNIA AS THEIR NUMBER ONE FLAGSHIP ORGANIZATION OR
3 IN TERMS OF WHAT THEY CALL SENSIBLE GUN LAWS. WE HAVE THE
4 BACKGROUND CHECKS, WE HAVE THE 10-DAY WAITING PERIOD. YOU HAVE
5 TO PASS A TEST TO PURCHASE A FIREARM. WE HAVE A BAN ON HIGH
6 CAPACITY-- WHAT THEY CALL HIGH CAPACITY MAGAZINES, SO WE'RE
7 LIMITED TO 10 ROUNDS AND WE HAVE A BULLET BUTTON. YET, IT
8 STILL DID NOT STOP THE ATTACK IN SAN BERNARDINO. THAT IS
9 BECAUSE THESE WERE LAWS THAT WE KNEW WERE INEFFECTUAL IN
10 ADVANCE AND WE ASK YOU TO CONSIDER TALKING TO THE RIGHT
11 EXPERTS TO TAKE US IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE A SPEAKER IN
14 LANCASTER. JOHN GAVAGNINI. SORRY IF I PRONOUNCE THAT WRONG.
15 YOU'RE ON.

16

17 **JOHN GAVAGNINI:** OKAY STRICTER GUN REGULATIONS RELATED TO THE
18 SALE OR POSSESSION OF SEMI-AUTOMATIC GUNS AND MILITARY STYLE
19 WEAPONS WILL ONLY PUNISH LAW-ABIDING CITIZENS AND IT'LL PUSH
20 BUSINESS TO OTHER COUNTIES. IT WILL-- BAD PEOPLE WILL STILL
21 FIND WAYS TO GET WHAT THEY WANT. IN SAN BERNARDINO THE
22 TERRORISTS OBTAINED THEIR GUNS ILLEGALLY AND THE A.R.15S THEY
23 USED AS PREVIOUSLY SAID WERE NOT CALIFORNIA-COMPLIANT. JUST
24 LIKE PIPE BOMBS, METH AND HEROIN, IF THEY WANT THEM, THEY'RE
25 GOING TO GET THEM. THE REQUIREMENT FOR GUN PURCHASERS TO

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1 MAINTAIN CAR INSURANCE IS RIDICULOUS. IT'S LIKE ASKING A CAR
2 OWNER TO HAVE A SPECIAL INSURANCE POLICY JUST IN CASE HIS
3 NEIGHBOR GOES OUT, GETS DRUNK AND RUNS OVER A BUNCH OF PEOPLE.
4 I SHOULD NOT HAVE TO PAY OR HAVE A SPECIAL INSURANCE PLAN FOR
5 WHAT SOME TERRORIST GOES OUT AND DOES. IT WILL NOT DO ANYTHING
6 TO STOP BAD PEOPLE FROM DOING BAD THINGS. SPECIAL TAXES ON
7 FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION IS JUST EXTORTION. IT'S JUST ANOTHER
8 WAY FOR THE STATE TO GET MONEY AND TAKE IT OUT OF OUR POCKETS.
9 AGAIN, IT'LL PUSH BUSINESS TO OTHER COUNTIES. I'D LIKE YOU TO
10 GO BACK AND LOOK AT YOUR ITEM ON THE AGENDA, 60-B, WHERE YOU
11 SAY THAT FEAR-BASED STEREOTYPING IS A BAD THING. WHAT YOU'RE
12 DOING IS YOU'RE STEREOTYPING ALL GUN OWNERS AS BAD PEOPLE AND
13 YOU'RE TAKING AWAY-- YOU'RE TRYING TO TAKE AWAY OUR GUNS OR
14 RESTRICT OUR RIGHTS TO HAVE FIREARMS. THAT'S JUST LIKE SAYING
15 THAT IF A MUSLIM COMMITS TERRORISM, THEN ALL TERRORISM IS BAD
16 OR ALL MUSLIMS ARE TERRORISTS. SAYING IF SOMEONE COMMITS A--
17

18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SIR. YOUR TIME'S
19 EXPIRED. THANK YOU. OKAY. OUR NEXT WITNESSES, ROD SHIGIO. DR.
20 GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. ARNOLD SACHS. JOSEPH MAIZLISH. AND JOSE
21 FIGUEROA.

22

23 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAME CHAIR AND TO HONORABLE
24 SUPERVISORS. I WANTED TO DISCUSS SOME OF THE ITEMS HERE THAT
25 WERE PROPOSED. IT APPEARS TO ME THAT SEVERAL OF THESE HAVE

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1 BEEN-- SEVERAL OF THESE HAVE BEEN VOTED DOWN OR NOT GET OUT OF
2 THE STATE ASSEMBLY. IF THEY DIDN'T GO THROUGH THE STATE
3 ASSEMBLY, I'M JUST CURIOUS ON WHY THEY'RE GOING TO BE PROPOSED
4 HERE. I THINK WE ALREADY HAVE THE STATE BACKGROUND CHECKS,
5 ENHANCED BACKGROUND CHECKS AND WAITING PERIODS. AS FAR AS THE
6 INSURANCE POLICIES, WELL, IT'S BEEN REJECTED IN EVERY STATE
7 THAT'S PROPOSED IT, BECAUSE THE STANDARDS FOR THEM AND IT'S
8 BASICALLY AN ADDITIONAL TAX ON LAWFUL GUN OWNERS. I THINK THAT
9 DOESN'T ADDRESS THE REAL PROBLEM BECAUSE WHAT YOU'RE DOING IS
10 YOU'RE PUTTING A WEDGE BETWEEN THE HONEST LEGAL GUN OWNERS AND
11 LAW ENFORCEMENT, WHEREAS A LOT OF TIMES LAW ENFORCEMENT NEEDS
12 TO HEAR FROM US AS SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH SAID. IF YOU SEE
13 SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING. AND WHEN YOU HAVE THAT KIND OF
14 COOPERATIVE OPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO ENTITIES, THAT'S WHEN
15 THINGS ACTUALLY HELP TO PREVENT CRIMES OUT ON THE STREET. SUCH
16 AS IN MISSOURI, SOMEONE WAS-- HE SAW SOMETHING. WHY IS
17 SOMEBODY BUYING 50 CELL PHONES? AND THEN IN ANOTHER INCIDENT,
18 A HUNTER WAS WALKING THROUGH HIS HUNTING AREA AND HE SAW
19 SOMETHING THAT LOOKED SUSPICIOUS AND HE CONTACTED THE
20 AUTHORITIES AND THEY FOUND A LARGE AMOUNT OF EXPLOSIVES. THOSE
21 TWO DIFFERENT ITEMS AND THE COORDINATION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT
22 ALLOWED THEM TO LOCATE AND STOP THESE PEOPLE. AND IT'S
23 SUSPECTED THEY MAY HAVE BEEN TRYING TO PUT TOGETHER SOME
24 IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICES THAT CAN CAUSE TREMENDOUS AMOUNT
25 OF DESTRUCTION. SO I THINK WE NEED TO HAVE MORE COOPERATION

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1 BETWEEN LAWFUL GUN OWNERS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT. SO WHEN WE SEE
2 SOMETHING, WE CAN REPORT IT AND WE DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT
3 AM I IN THE RIGHT AREA? DID I BREAK ANY LAWS.

4

5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT WITNESS,
6 PLEASE.

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8 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, DR. GENEVIEVE
9 CLAVREUL. YOU KNOW SOMETIMES YOU HAVE TO TAKE MAYBE A
10 DIFFERENT APPROACH. A CITY IN GEORGIA, KENNESAW, GEORGIA, THAT
11 A FEW YEARS AGO THEY HAD A LOT OF CRIME, AND GOT PRETTY UPSET
12 ABOUT IT. SO THEY DECIDED THEY WERE GOING TO MAKE IT MANDATORY
13 FOR EVERYBODY LIVING IN THAT TOWN TO OWN GUNS. AND GUESS WHAT?
14 CRIME REALLY STOPPED. SO MAYBE WE NEED TO LOOK AT IT IN
15 REVERSE. IT IS NOT THE GUNS WHO ARE BAD. IT IS THE PEOPLE WHO
16 USE THEM. AND I THINK TO PUT MORE AND MORE RESTRICTIONS IS NOT
17 GOING TO CHANGE IT. AND I'M GETTING VERY CONCERNED THAT WE
18 GOING TO END UP WITH ONLY THE BAD PEOPLE HAVING THE GUNS.
19 BECAUSE THEY ARE ALWAYS GOING TO FIND A WAY TO PURCHASE THEM.
20 SO I'M ALSO VERY CONCERNED OF VIOLENCE IN THE HOSPITALS.
21 RECENTLY THERE'S BEEN A HUGE INCREASE IN VIOLENCE IN
22 HOSPITALS, SO I THINK MAYBE YOU NEED TO CHECK THAT ALSO. THANK
23 YOU.

24

25 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE.

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2 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, ALL, FOR ALLOWING ME TO SAY A FEW WORDS ON
3 THE SUBJECT OF GUN VIOLENCE. LET ME START WITH THAT I MYSELF
4 AM A VICTIM OF GUN VIOLENCE. IN 1972 I WAS ON MY WAY BACK TO
5 CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE WHEN I STOPPED OVER AT EVA'S LIQUOR STORE
6 ON CITY TERRACE AND WAS CONFRONTED BY A COUPLE OF ROBBERS WHO
7 PROCEEDED TO SHOOT ME IN THE BACK, BULLET GOING IN MY RIGHT
8 SIDE AND BOUNCING OFF A RIB GOING THROUGH MY LEFT. IN 1996, MY
9 GODSON WAS MURDERED BY AN UNDOCUMENTED GANG BANGER. I WAS ALSO
10 A GANG WORKER FOR MANY YEARS IN EAST L.A. ONCE YOU GET THE
11 CONFIDENCE OF THESE GUYS, THEY DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH
12 SHOWING YOU THE GUNS, THE PISTOLS, THE RIFLES THAT THEY'VE
13 BEEN ABLE TO OBTAIN. NOW HAVING SAID ALL THAT, I'M STILL NOT
14 ANTI-GUN. ON THE CONTRARY. I FEEL THAT ANY LAW THAT IS BEING
15 PUT OUT THERE WILL NOT STOP PEOPLE LIKE THE ONES THAT I'VE
16 DEALT WITH. GANG BANGERS WILL GET THE GUNS ONE WAY OR ANOTHER.
17 THE PEOPLE IN SAN BERNARDINO WERE ABLE TO GET THEIRS. IT
18 DOESN'T MATTER WHAT RELIGION, MUSLIM OR THE WHITE CHRISTIAN
19 KIDS, AND MEN THAT HAVE BEEN SHOOTING UP PLANNED PARENTHOOD,
20 THE KID THAT KILLED ALL THE PEOPLE IN THE CHURCH, YOU CAN'T
21 LEGISLATE EVIL OUT OF A PERSON. AND THEREFORE I DON'T BELIEVE
22 THAT TAXING US-- BECAUSE THERE'S MILLIONS OF AMERICANS IN
23 CALIFORNIA WHO ARE LAW-ABIDING GUN OWNERS. AND I FEEL THOSE
24 ARE THE ONES THAT ARE, IN A WAY, BEING PICKED ON. WE HAVE TO

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1 PROTECT OURSELVES BECAUSE SAN BERNARDINO SHOWED AFTER POLICE
2 WENT IN, IT WAS ALREADY OVER. WHO PROTECTS US? THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE.

5

6 **JOSEPH MAIZLISH:** YES, GOOD AFTERNOON, JOE MAIZLISH AGAIN. THE
7 FULLER STATEMENT ON ITEM 4 I HANDED OUT AND IT HAS ON IT ALSO
8 THE STATEMENT ON NUMBER 5. AS FOR THE LAST 13 YEARS, I'VE
9 RESPONDED TO WORKPLACES AS A CRISIS COUNSELOR. SOMETIMES
10 CRIMES AND VIOLENCE IN THE WORKPLACE, ACCIDENTS, LOSS OF LIFE.
11 AND ALSO STARTED MY TRAINING WORKING WITH CHILDREN AND
12 FAMILIES WITH ABUSE PROBLEMS AND VOLUNTEERED WITH THE
13 DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES. I'D LIKE TO DO
14 WHAT I DID WITH NUMBER 4 AND THAT IS LOOK AT THE BACKGROUND
15 THINGS THAT ARE WITHIN THE BOARD'S REACH EITHER TO WORK ON
16 DIRECTLY OR TO ADVOCATE FOR. YOU'RE ALREADY DOING A LOT. THAT
17 REDUCTION OF VIOLENCE REQUIRES. THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND
18 PREVENTION AND RECOVERY FROM HEAD FIRST CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES,
19 I HAVE A WEBSITE ON MY PAGE ABOUT HOW CRITICAL THOSE ARE FOR
20 LIFE LONG PROBLEMS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE, SURVIVORS OF THOSE
21 EXPERIENCES. HOMELESSNESS, EVEN CONFLICT RESOLUTION AND
22 MEDIATION, THESE ARE ACTIVITIES OF THE COUNTY. BUT WHAT'S
23 GOING ON, WHAT YOU'RE DOING, WHAT YOU'RE ABLE TO DO AND
24 EQUIPPED TO DO IS SO SMALL COMPARED TO THE GREAT NEEDS. I
25 THINK THERE'S GOING TO BE A NEED FOR MORE REVENUE TO DO MORE

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1 SERVICES. THERE'S NO WAY AROUND IT. I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT
2 TAXING THE DISAPPEARING MIDDLE. I'M TALKING ABOUT ONLY GETTING
3 THAT ACCESS TO SOME OF THE GREAT WEALTH OF CALIFORNIA THAT'S
4 NEEDED TO BE ABLE TO DO THESE JOBS. SUPERVISOR KNABE'S
5 AMENDMENT ABOUT THE SAN BERNARDINO EVENTS REMINDS ME I SAW A
6 FRONT PAGE ARTICLE. AMID VIOLENCE, BROTHERS WERE A STUDY IN
7 CONTRAST ABOUT ONE OF THE PEOPLE WHO COMMITTED THE SAN
8 BERNARDINO HORROR. A LOT CAN BE DONE, BUT WE NEED TO HAVE
9 EARLY INTERVENTIONS MASSIVELY FUNDED AND SUPPORTED AND A LOT
10 OF PUBLIC EDUCATION ABOUT VIOLENCE AND ITS SOURCES. AND I
11 LEAVE THAT TO YOU TO ENGAGE IN AND TO ADVOCATE FOR AS I WOULD.

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE THREE OTHER
14 WITNESSES. PATRICK PRINCE. NIRINJAN KHALSA AND HUGO ROSSITER.
15 I HAVE THAT RIGHT. THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS.

16

17 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES THANK YOU, GOOD AFTERNOON, ARNOLD SACHS.
18 COUPLE THINGS. REGARDING YOUR BACKGROUND CHECKS AND WHAT LEADS
19 TO. I BELIEVE LAST YEAR, MAYBE IT WAS THIS YEAR, IT WAS A
20 PERSON CONVICTED OF A MURDER IN MARINA DEL REY. IT WAS A
21 SECURITY GUARD WHO KILLED HIS BOSS, HE HAD FORGED THE
22 DOCUMENTS NEEDED IN THE BACKGROUND CHECK, GOT A GUN AND A
23 PERMIT. L.A. CITY JUST PASSED AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING SMALLER
24 MAGAZINES, EXCEPT FOR THE EXEMPTION FOR RETIRED POLICE
25 OFFICERS. AND ONE OF THE COUNCILMEN SAID HE THINKS THAT ONCE A

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1 POLICE OFFICER, ALWAYS A POLICE OFFICER. SO I'M THINKING ABOUT
2 THAT GUY CHRISTOPHER DORNER WHO HAD L.A. ON ITS EARS. HE WAS A
3 POLICE OFFICER. AND HE SHOT PEOPLE IN THE PUBLIC. THOSE ARE
4 THE BOUNDARIES YOU DEAL WITH. THERE WAS A STORY, AND I'M
5 DAMNED IF I FORGOT IT. THE L.A. TIMES ABOUT, THEY DID A SURVEY
6 OF DIFFERENT CITIES, SOME OF THE APPROACHES THEY TOOK AND SOME
7 OF THE PROBLEMS THEY FACED. AND IN NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, I
8 BELIEVE IT WAS, THEY DID SOMETHING WITH-- BECAUSE THE POLICE
9 DEPARTMENT IS SUCH A HUGE-- HAS SUCH A HUGE INVESTMENT IN
10 WEAPONRY, THEY DID SOMETHING REGARDING GUN BUYBACKS WITH THE
11 COMPANIES THAT PROVIDE THE WEAPONS TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.
12 SINCE YOU HAVE PROBABLY THREE TIMES BIGGER POLICE FORCE THAN
13 THE CITY OF NEWARK, YOU MAY LOOK AT THAT. LOOK INTO THE
14 DETAILS INVOLVED IN WHAT THEY DID THERE. IT WAS EITHER NEWARK
15 OR JERSEY CITY, I DON'T REMEMBER WHICH ONE IT WAS. SEE IF YOU
16 CAN DO SOMETHING REGARDING GUN BUY BACKS WITH THE
17 MANUFACTURERS THAT SUPPLY THE WEAPONS TO THE SHERIFFS.

18
19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE.

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21 **HUGO ROSSITER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M HUGO ROSSITER. I'M THE
22 DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY WITH THE OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY LOS
23 ANGELES. I'M HEAD OF THE WORKPLACE VIOLENCE PREVENTION TEAM AT
24 THE OFFICE, AND A MEMBER OF THE CITY-WIDE THREAT ASSESSMENT
25 TEAM. I CAME TO SUPPORT THE PART OF THE MOTION WHICH TALKS

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1 ABOUT EXPANDING WORKPLACE SAFETY PROTOCOLS. I BROUGHT WITH ME
2 A COUPLE OF EXAMPLES OF OUR PROGRAM AND THE TRAINING THAT WE
3 DO. JUST RECENT, JUST LAST WEEK WE DID A PRESENTATION FOR
4 COUNCILMAN WESSON'S OFFICE. WE'RE WORKING OUR WAY THROUGH ALL
5 THE MAYORS AND THE COUNCIL STAFFS. I WANT TO REALLY REACH OUT
6 TO THE COUNTY AND TO SAY THAT WE WILL BE HAPPY TO WORK WITH
7 YOU AND LEARN, SEE IF WE CAN ENHANCE WORKPLACE SAFETY. I'M
8 VERY PRACTICAL. I'M ABOUT MAKING THE WORKPLACE AS SAFE AS
9 POSSIBLE FOR THE EMPLOYEES, FOR THE OFFICIALS AND FOR THE
10 CLIENTS, THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE PRESENT. AND WE DO
11 THAT THROUGH RESTRAINING ORDERS, WE DO IT THROUGH LAW
12 ENFORCEMENT ACTION, WE DO IT THROUGH TRAINING. WE DO IT
13 THROUGH THE USE OF MENTAL HEALTH, ALL AS A PROACTIVE TEAM
14 ORGANIZATION. I MYSELF HAVE OBTAINED MORE THAN 125 WORKPLACE
15 VIOLENCE RESTRAINING ORDERS PROTECTING EMPLOYEES AND
16 OFFICIALS, WHICH IN ALL HONESTY, I WOULD SAY I THINK ARE A LOT
17 MORE THAN HAVE OCCURRED AT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. WE'VE
18 FOCUSED VERY, VERY SPECIFICALLY. WE'VE HAD TWO MULTIPLE
19 HOMICIDE EVENTS. ONE IN 1995 AND ONE IN 2003 IN WHICH WE'VE
20 LOST EMPLOYEES. AND WE'RE TRYING TO MAKE SURE THAT THAT NEVER,
21 EVER OCCURS AGAIN. THERE'S NO ASSURANCE, BUT WE CERTAINLY TRY
22 EVERY SINGLE DAY. SO THIS IS ABOUT US BOTH SUPPORTING THE
23 SUPERVISOR'S RESOLUTION BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY SAYING, CAN WE
24 JOIN IN A DIALOGUE WITH YOU TO ENHANCE SAFETY AT THE ALL
25 COUNTY WORKPLACES? THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE APPRECIATE
3 YOUR INPUT. WE HAVE OUR LAST WITNESS ON THIS ITEM, ERIC
4 PREVEN.

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6 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU. IT IS ERIC PREVEN, A RESIDENT FROM THE
7 THIRD DISTRICT. AND THIS IS A COMPLICATED ISSUE, OBVIOUSLY.
8 FOLKS WANT TO POSSESS FIREARMS TO SOME DEGREE. AND OBVIOUSLY
9 LAW ENFORCEMENT, HELMHOLD'S A GREAT MAN. THESE GUYS HAVE
10 FIREARMS AND THAT'S PART OF SOCIETY. THE PROBLEM IS WE HAVE 30
11 MILLION GUNS HERE WHICH IS WAY TOO MANY. I HAVE AN IDEA THAT
12 I'LL MAKE BRIEF BECAUSE I'M IN A RUSH, AND MAYBE YOU CAN GET
13 SOME TRACTION ON THIS. THIS IS AN IDEA THAT WILL PRESERVE THE
14 RIGHT FOR FOLKS WHO WANT TO SELL GUNS, WHICH IS WHAT THIS IS
15 ALL ABOUT. LIKE THE N.R.A. CAN HAVE WHAT THEY WANT. AND PEOPLE
16 WHO WANT TO FEEL SAFER AND WITH THE SENSE THAT THERE ARE NOT
17 30 MILLION GUNS ON THE STREET. SO IT'S A BUY-BACK PROGRAM
18 WHICH WE'VE ALL HEARD BEFORE. BUT THE DIFFERENCE IS,
19 SUPERVISOR SOLIS. AND I KNOW YOU LIKE PUBLIC- PRIVATE
20 PARTNERSHIPS LIKE THE REST OF US. WE TRY TO GET THESE
21 BILLIONAIRES WHO ARE SO BUSY GIVING AWAY THEIR BILLIONS SO
22 FAST. I KID YOU NOT, THIS MARK ZUCKERBERG GAVE AWAY \$45
23 BILLION LAST WEEK WHICH IS AN ASTONISHING AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT
24 HE WANTS TO PROVIDE. IF WE'VE GOT 10 OF THEM TO PROVIDE \$2
25 BILLION WHO HAVE MULTIPLE BILLIONS THAT THEY'RE EAGER TO GIVE

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1 AWAY, WE COULD BUY BACK THE GUNS ON A PROGRAM THAT WOULD TAKE
2 THE PEOPLE WHO EVERYBODY SAYS YOU TRY TO BUY A GUN, HE SAYS
3 I'M NOT SELLING. THAT'S TRUE UP TO A POINT BUT IT'S ALL ABOUT
4 MONEY. DO YOU THINK WE COULD BUY A GUN FROM A GUY FOR \$20,000,
5 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS? I THINK A LOT OF GUYS WOULD SELL THE
6 GUN AND SAY, "I'LL GO GET A NEW ONE FOR \$20,000." AND YOU KNOW
7 WHAT, BRING THEM IN TO GET NEW ONES. WE'LL SET UP LAWS WHERE
8 YOU DON'T GET ONE IF YOU'RE A THREAT OR CRAZY OR SOME OF THE
9 THINGS THAT WE ARE TRYING VIGOROUSLY TO GET OUT OF THE HANDS
10 OF THOSE PEOPLE, THESE KINDS OF WEAPONS. BECAUSE IF WE COULD
11 20 MILLION GUNS OFF THE STREET, WE WOULD BE A LOT SAFER. AND
12 THE COPS AND THE PEOPLE WHO ARE SUPPOSED TO HAVE FIREARMS AND
13 THE PEOPLE WHO ARE LICENSED TO HAVE THEM WOULD BE ABLE TO
14 PURCHASE THEM AS NEEDED. BUT NOT THE CRAZY GUNS WHERE NOBODY
15 NEEDS AN ASSAULT RIFLE IN AMERICA, OKAY? UNLESS WE'RE UNDER
16 ASSAULT. AND WE'RE NOT. WELL, WE ARE BUT WE'RE NOT UNDER
17 ASSAULT IN THAT WAY. WE'RE UNDER A DIFFERENT KIND OF ASSAULT.
18 WE DON'T WANT TO SHOOTING OFF MULTIPLE HIGH NUMBERS OF ROUNDS
19 ANYWHERE. THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MEMBERS, THAT CONCLUDES
22 OUR WITNESSES. THIS ITEM HAS BEEN MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
23 THOMAS. SECONDED BY MYSELF. WITH THE AMENDMENTS-- DID YOU WANT
24 TO ASK THEM? THE ITEM IS MOVED. THERE IS NO OBJECTION, AS
25 AMENDED. YES, AS AMENDED, WITH THE AMENDMENTS.

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2 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** AND ALSO, MADAME CHAIR, I SUPPORT THE
3 EFFORTS OF IMPROVING THE WORKPLACE SAFETY, BUT ON THE OTHER
4 PROVISIONS ON D THROUGH THROUGH-- ITEMS C THROUGH D, WAITING
5 FOR THE LEGAL OPINION. BACK. ON 2. I SHOULD SAY, ON THEREFORE
6 MOVE.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SO YOU WISH TO NOT BE RECORDED AN
9 AYE.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT. ON THOSE PORTIONS.

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, SO DULY NOTED. IT STILL PASSES.
14 THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT, MEMBERS. MOVING RIGHT ALONG HERE. THE
15 NEXT ITEM UP IS ITEM 60-E. PORTER RANCH. ON THIS, WE HAVE
16 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND RIDLEY-THOMAS?

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** QUICKLY, THIS READ-IN ON THIS ITEM. IT'S
19 AN AMENDMENT TO 60-E. "I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF
20 SUPERVISORS DIRECT COUNTY COUNSEL TO REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD
21 IN WRITING IN 30 DAYS ON THE AVAILABLE OPTIONS FOR THE COUNTY
22 TO RECOUP COSTS FROM THE RESPONSIBLE PARTIES ASSOCIATED WITH
23 THE NATURAL GAS LEAK. I DON'T KNOW THAT THE MATTER NEEDS TO BE
24 BELABORED, MADAME CHAIR. THAT'S THE AMENDING MOTION THAT I
25 WISH TO OFFER.

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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I WOULD JUST LIKE TO MAKE A COMMENT.

3 I KNOW THIS BOARD HAS HEARD THE ISSUE OF EXIDE. AND WE ARE

4 ALSO SEEKING REMEDIES THERE. AND ALSO SEEKING AUTHORITY TO

5 MOVE IN THAT DIRECTION. SO I WOULD JUST ASK THAT WE ALSO KEEP

6 THAT IN MIND. IT'S VERY SIMILAR IN THAT RESIDENTS ARE BEING

7 EXPOSED TO VERY HIGHLY TOXIC MATERIALS AT A LEVEL THAT THE

8 STATE HAS DEEMED HAZARDOUS. SO I DON'T WANT TO SOMEHOW LET OUR

9 FOLKS KNOW THAT WE ARE NOT TAKING THEM SERIOUSLY, BUT THE FACT

10 IS WE ARE MOVING ON THIS ITEM GIVES ME ENCOURAGEMENT THAT WE

11 CAN THEN MOVE CORRECTLY AND SWIFTLY ON OUR ITEM REGARDING

12 EXIDE. THAT'S ALL. SIMPLY PUT. ANY OTHER QUESTION? IT'S BEEN

13 MOVED. HOLD ON.

14

15 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** LET ME JUST SAY, MADAME CHAIR, THAT

16 IT'S BEEN OVER 50 DAYS SINCE WE'VE HAD THIS LEAK DISCOVERED,

17 AND IT'S A VERY SERIOUS SITUATION BECAUSE WE'VE HAD 1,000--

18 1217 APPLICATIONS ARE IN PROGRESS RIGHT NOW FOR MOVING OUT OF

19 THE AREA. WE HAD 1675 RESIDENTS WHO HAVE ALREADY BEEN

20 RELOCATED. AND 781 HAVE BEEN CANCELED. IN ADDITION, THERE ARE

21 80 AIR PURIFIERS HAVE ALREADY BEEN INSTALLED AND 275 HAVE BEEN

22 SCHEDULED FOR INSTALLATION. NOW, AGAIN, THESE HAVE BEEN

23 SCHEDULED FOR INSTALLATION. THIS HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR 50

24 DAYS. WE KNOW THE DISRUPTION THAT HAS OCCURRED TODAY BECAUSE

25 OF THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOLS WERE

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1 CLOSED. WE UNDERSTAND THAT. THESE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN IMPACTED
2 FOR A MONTH AND A HALF. THEIR SCHOOLS HAVE BEEN IMPACTED. THE
3 LEARNING ENVIRONMENT HAS BEEN IMPACTED. BUT THE LONG-TERM
4 HEALTH ISSUES HAVE BEEN IMPACTED BECAUSE OF THIS CONTINUED GAS
5 LEAK. AND WHILE THE GAS COMPANIES WERE WORKING TO ADDRESS THIS
6 LEAK, WE STILL DON'T HAVE A TIMEFRAME, A TIMELINE WHEN IT WILL
7 BE RESOLVED. WHILE THE LOCAL AGENCIES, INCLUDING OUR COUNTY,
8 HAVE TAKEN THE LEAD IN MONITORING THE GAS LEAK, WE ALSO HAVE A
9 PROBLEM IN THAT THE OVERALL AUTHORITY FOR THE FACILITY RESTS
10 WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, WITH THE GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES,
11 THE DIVISION OF OIL AND GAS AND GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES AND THE
12 PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION. THE COMMISSION AGAIN HAS HAD
13 PROBLEMS IN THE PAST WITH COZY RELATIONSHIPS WITH THOSE PEOPLE
14 THAT THEY REGULATE. AS YOU KNOW THERE HAVE BEEN COURT ACTIONS
15 GOING ON AS WE TALK. THIS IS A VERY SERIOUS SITUATION AND WE
16 HAVE PEOPLE HERE FROM THE GAS COMPANY THAT WE CAN ASK SOME
17 QUESTIONS TO AT THIS TIME. BUT THIS DECLARATION REQUESTS
18 ASSISTANCE FROM THE STATE AGENCIES, REQUESTS FEDERAL
19 ASSISTANCE, PARTICULARLY FOR AIR MONITORING AND ASSISTING THE
20 COUNTY WITH THE PRESERVATION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH.

21

22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. I
23 UNDERSTAND THE STATE FOLKS ARE JUST STEPPED OUT MOMENTARILY.
24 SO WE'LL TAKE PUBLIC COMMENT TILL THEY RETURN. WHY DON'T WE

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1 CALL UP GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL AND ALSO ARNOLD SACHS AND ISABEL
2 LORIENTE. PLEASE COME FORWARD.

3

4 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS.
5 CERTAINLY GLAD TO HEAR THAT YOU'RE TAKING THE BULL BY THE
6 HORNS. MORE BULL THAN HORN. THANK YOU FOR YOUR REPORT ON ALL
7 THOSE PEOPLE THAT HAVE BEEN RELOCATED AND ALL THE AIR
8 FRESHENER AND PURIFIERS. SO, MISS SOLIS, HOW MANY PEOPLE HAVE
9 BEEN RELOCATED FROM EXIDE TO OTHER FACILITIES? IT'S ONLY BEEN
10 GOING ON 30 YEARS. WE HEARD WHEN THAT WAS BEFORE YOU. THAT IT
11 WAS ENCOMPASSED AN AREA ALL THE WAY DOWN TO PALOS VERDES. HOW
12 MANY PEOPLE HAVE BEEN IMPACTED? AND YET THIS GAS LEAK, SORRY
13 THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN THE AREA. BY THE WAY, WHO AUTHORIZED
14 THE CONSTRUCTION OF THESE HOUSES IN THIS PORTER RANCH AREA BY
15 THIS FACILITY? THE FACILITY WAS THERE WAY BEFORE THE HOUSING
16 WAS THERE. YOU WOULD THINK THAT SOMEBODY WOULD SAY, "HEY, YOU
17 KNOW WHAT? THERE'S A NATURAL GAS STORAGE FACILITY LESS THAN A
18 MILE AWAY. DO WE REALLY WANT TO PUT TOWNHOUSES?" AND ALL THESE
19 HOUSES WHERE THE PEOPLE WHO BOUGHT THESE TOWNHOUSES INFORMED
20 THAT OH, BY THE WAY, THERE'S A NATURAL GAS FACILITY RIGHT
21 AROUND THE CORNER. LESS THAN A MILE AWAY. ANYBODY GOT AN
22 ANSWER FOR THAT? BECAUSE WASN'T IT A COUNTY PROJECT UP PORTER
23 RANCH THAT WAS AUTHORIZED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.
24 SO AGAIN, WE COME BACK TO YOU GRABBING THE BULL BY THE HORNS.
25 MORE BULL THAN HORN. SO LET'S TALK ABOUT EXIDE. WELL DONE, YOU

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1 STEPPED UP FOR EXIDE. DON'T GIVE ME SMALL TALK. STEP UP FOR
2 EXIDE. STEP UP FOR YOUR CONSTITUENTS THAT HAVEN'T BEEN
3 RELOCATED. ANY OF THE PROGRAMS THAT YOU ENACTED FOR THE GAS
4 LEAK, YOU HAVEN'T HAD ANY OFFICIALS FOR THE STATE COME HERE
5 ABOUT EXIDE. NOTHING, NOTHING, NOTHING, NOTHING, NOTHING. YOU
6 GIVE ME A LOAD OF GAS.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE.

9

10 **ISABEL LORIENTE:** HI THERE, MY NAME IS ISABEL LORIENTE. I AM A
11 HOMEOWNER IN PORTER RANCH. I AM THE PRESIDENT OF ONE OF THE
12 HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATIONS IN PORTER RANCH. AND LIKE MANY OF MY
13 NEIGHBORS, CERTAINLY WE'VE BEEN IMPACTED. THIS IS A MAJOR
14 ECOLOGICAL DISASTER ABOVE EVERYTHING ELSE. AND WHILE IT IS
15 TRUE THAT HOMEOWNERS HAVE BEEN DISRUPTED, MANY HAVE SUFFERED
16 PHYSICAL SYMPTOMS, TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF ANXIETY. THERE'S A LOT
17 OF MIXED INFORMATION ABOUT LONG TERM RESULTS. AT MINIMUM,
18 RELOCATION, LOSS OF BUSINESSES IN TERMS OF INDIVIDUALS WHO
19 HAVE BUSINESSES THERE AND CERTAINLY LOSS OF PROPERTY VALUE.
20 WHAT HOMEOWNERS ARE LOOKING AT IS FOR THE PROBLEM TO BE
21 RESOLVED. AND THE DIFFICULTY I HAVE WITH THE PREMISE THAT THIS
22 SHOULD BECOME PART OF THE CALIFORNIA DISASTER ASSISTANCE ACT
23 IS THAT THAT WASN'T DESIGNED FOR THIS. THIS IS NOT A NATURAL
24 DISASTER. IN FACT, SHIFTS THE FINANCIAL BURDEN FROM THOSE
25 INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE ONTO THE TAXPAYERS. AS A

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1 TAXPAYER, THAT'S THE LAST THING I WANT. I FEEL CERTAINLY THAT
2 I WANT MY GOVERNMENT TO LOOK AFTER THE WELL-BEING, TO DO THE
3 CORRECT MONITORING. BUT IT SHOULDN'T COME ON THE BACKS OF THE
4 TAXPAYER. IT SHOULD BE THE RESPONSIBLE ENTITIES. IN TERMS OF
5 WHAT HAPPENED, THIS IS REALLY A LARGER QUESTION OF
6 INFRASTRUCTURE WHICH WILL CONTINUE TO BE AN ISSUE FOR THAT
7 FACILITY. AND SO, AGAIN, IT'S NOT SO MUCH ABOUT THE SHORT-TERM
8 BUT THE LONG TERM. AND FUNDAMENTALLY, ONE OF THE THINGS I SEE
9 IS BY DECLARING THIS A DISASTER AREA, YOU HAVE FURTHER
10 IMPACTED AND FOR THE LONG TERM CREATED REAL FINANCIAL HARM TO
11 THE HOMEOWNERS THERE WHOSE PROPERTY VALUES ARE DEVALUED AND
12 FOR WHOSE PROPERTY IS STIGMATIZED. SO I SIMPLY DON'T SEE HOW
13 THIS ADDS TO THE GOAL OF CLOSING THE SOLUTION TO THE LEAK OR
14 TO THE TRAUMA THE INDIVIDUALS ARE EXPERIENCING. THANK YOU FOR
15 YOUR TIME.

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE ALSO HAVE
18 JEANETTE VOSBURG.

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20 **JEANETTE VOSBURG:** HI, I'M JEANETTE VOSBURG. I HAVE BEEN
21 INVOLVED WITH THE SO CAL GAS ENERGY SITE IN PLAYA DEL REY. AND
22 THE THINGS THAT THEY DID TO IGNORE SAFETY ISSUES, WE CALLED
23 THEM ON AND WE WON AGAINST THE COASTAL-- THE CALIFORNIA
24 COASTAL COMMISSION. THEY HEARD OUR CASE AND THEY FELT WE HAD
25 VALID CONCERNS. AND THEY FORCED SEMPER ENERGY, SO CAL GAS, TO

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1 DO THINGS DIFFERENTLY AT THAT SITE. I'D JUST LIKE TO POINT OUT
2 THAT EVERY NEWSPAPER ARTICLE THAT I'VE READ HASN'T REALLY
3 HIGHLIGHTED THE FACT THAT THIS IS SO CAL GAS, SEMPER ENERGY.
4 THEY WERE TOLD AT MONTEBELLO THAT THEY NEEDED TO GO-- THIS IS
5 BY THE JUDGE-- THAT THEY NEEDED GO TO HONESTY CLASSES BECAUSE
6 THEY LIED SO MUCH. AND I THINK THAT THEIR NAME SHOULD BE
7 PROMINENTLY IN ANY PRESS RELEASES BECAUSE THEY HAVE A PAST
8 HISTORY OF DOING THE WRONG THING, AND THIS IS JUST ANOTHER
9 EXAMPLE OF IT. AND THEY SHOULD HAVE THE BOOK THROWN AT THEM.
10 THANK YOU.

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12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. OKAY. THIS ITEM--
13 WE HAVE THE STATE. YES. I'M SORRY. THE GAS COMPANY AND ALSO
14 THE STATE

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16 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** DID THE GAS COMPANY LEAVE?

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18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THE STATE. THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.
19 IT'S THE GAS COMPANY, OKAY. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, YOU HAVE
20 SOME QUESTIONS.

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** QUESTIONS, GIVE US A STATUS OF THE REPAIRS
23 THAT WITH A REVISED TIMELINE THAT YOU HAVE DEVELOPED.

24

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1 **ANDY CARRASCO:** SURE, ABSOLUTELY. MY NAME IS ANDY CARRASCO. I'M
2 THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS AT THE GAS COMPANY. I'D BE MORE
3 THAN HAPPY TO GIVE YOU AN UPDATE ON THE REPAIRS. GIVE ME ONE
4 QUICK SECOND. WE REMAIN ON SCHEDULE AS WE HAD PREVIOUSLY
5 ANNOUNCED. TODAY'S DAY 11 OF WHAT WE BELIEVE WILL BE THE THREE
6 TO FOUR-MONTH PERIOD THAT WE ADVISED YOU OF IN PREVIOUS
7 HEARINGS THAT WE WERE HERE. ON THE RELIEF WELL ITSELF, WE
8 EXPECT TO COMPLETE PHASE 1 THIS WEEK WHICH HAS INCLUDED
9 DRILLING DOWN TO APPROXIMATELY THE FIRST 1200 FEET. WORK
10 CONTINUES TO PREPARE THE WORK SITE FOR A SECOND RELIEF WELL.
11 ALONGSIDE OUR RELIEF WELL OPERATIONS, WE RETAIN THE ABILITY TO
12 CONTINUE TO PUMP FLUIDS DIRECTLY DOWN THE WELL, SO WE ARE
13 CONSIDERING OPTIONS FOR OTHER KILL WELL ATTEMPTS. WE ARE ALSO
14 DOUBLING OUR EFFORTS TO ALLEVIATE THE CONCERNS ABOUT THE
15 IMPACT ON THE COMMUNITY AND THE ENVIRONMENT.

16

17 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** ARE YOU HAVING A 24/7 WORK SCHEDULE?

18

19 **ANDY CARRASCO:** YES, WE ARE.

20

21 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** AND RELATIVE TO THE MITIGATION
22 REPAIRS TO REPAIRS TO THE IMPACTED HOMES, WHAT IS THE STATUS
23 ON THE AIR PURIFIERS, WEATHER STRIPPING AND OTHER REPAIRS TO
24 MITIGATE THE ODOR?

25

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1 **ANDY CARRASCO:** SURE. ABOUT A WEEK AGO WE BEGAN PROVIDING AIR
2 FILTRATION SYSTEMS OPTIONS TO RESIDENTS IN AN EFFORT TO REDUCE
3 THE AMOUNT OF ODOR THAT WOULD ENTER INTO THE HOME, AND
4 PRIMARILY KEEP FOLKS IN THE RESIDENCES. AS A RESULT OF SOME
5 POSITIVE RESPONSE, WE BEGAN TO INSTALL AND BROADEN OUR OFFER
6 AND A RANGE OF OPTIONS, WHICH INCLUDE WEATHERIZATION,
7 ACTIVATED CHARCOAL AIR FILTERS AND PLUG-IN FILTERS AND HOME
8 AIR PURIFICATION SYSTEMS. SO FAR WE'VE PROVIDED ONE OF THOSE
9 OPTIONS TO ABOUT 90 HOMES. AND THE INTEREST IS CONTINUING. AS
10 I'VE INDICATED, IT'S BEEN A WEEK AND WE HAVE ABOUT A THOUSAND
11 INTERESTED PARTIES, RESIDENTS LOOKING TO STAY AT HOME AND HAVE
12 THOSE OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO THEM. SO WE'RE WORKING THROUGH THEM
13 NOW.

14

15 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** THE SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS CHURCH HAS
16 A REQUEST RELATIVE TO AIR MONITORING EQUIPMENT AT THEIR SITE
17 BECAUSE OF THE PRESCHOOL AND OTHER CHILDCARE ACTIVITIES AND
18 IT'S A MEETING PLACE FOR THE COMMUNITY. WHAT IS THE STATUS OF
19 THOSE REQUESTS?

20

21 **ANDY CARRASCO:** WE DID RECEIVE THAT REQUEST AND WE ARE WORKING
22 WITH SHEPHERD OF THE HILL TO PROVIDE THE SAME KIND OF AIR
23 SAMPLING MONITORING AS WE HAVE WITH L.A.U.S.D. SO WE'RE
24 WORKING WITH THEM TODAY TO DO JUST THAT.

25

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1 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** ARE YOU AWARE WHEN THE PEOPLE
2 PURCHASED THEIR HOMES THEY WERE NOTIFIED THAT THEY HAD THIS
3 GAS RESERVE NEXT TO THEIR HOME?

4

5 **ANDY CARRASCO:** I CAN'T SPEAK TO ANY INDIVIDUALS OR HOW THEY
6 WERE TOLD.

7

8 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE REAL ESTATE
9 DISCLOSURES?

10

11 **ANDY CARRASCO:** CORRECT. I CAN'T SPEAK TO THAT.

12

13 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** WHAT ROLE DID THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
14 HAVE WHEN THEY APPROVED THAT DEVELOPMENT? THE GAS COMPANY TOOK
15 OVER IN 1972 WHEN PORTER RANCH WAS DEVELOPED. WHAT ROLE DID
16 THE CITY HAVE IN THAT RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT?

17

18 **ANDY CARRASCO:** I CAN'T SPEAK FOR THE CITY, BUT I BELIEVE THEY
19 MAY HAVE BEEN A LEAD AGENCY FOR SOME OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL
20 IMPACTS. BUT I CAN'T CONFIRM THAT HERE.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND YOU DON'T KNOW IF THEY PUT IN A
23 REQUIREMENT THAT THE INDIVIDUAL HOMEOWNERS WOULD BE INFORMED
24 AS TO--

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1 **ANDY CARRASCO:** THAT'S CORRECT. I WOULDN'T KNOW.

2

3 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** THIS IS A DISASTER AREA. THE
4 FINANCIAL LIABILITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY HAS TO
5 THE NEIGHBORS HAVE LOST RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES, THE ABILITY TO
6 SELL, THE HOME VALUATION WHICH IS GONE IN THE TOILET. HAS THE
7 GAS COMPANY CONSIDERED PURCHASING ALL OF THOSE HOMES AND
8 RELOCATING THOSE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN IMPACTED?

9

10 **ANDY CARRASCO:** AT THIS TIME, WE HAVE A TEMPORARY HOUSING
11 RELOCATION PROGRAM TO THOSE COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO ARE WISHING
12 TO NOT STAY IN THEIR CURRENT HOME. WE HAVE NOT DISCUSSED AND I
13 DON'T HAVE ANY UPDATE FOR YOU IN TERMS OF PURCHASING HOMES OR
14 PROPERTY VALUES. I DON'T HAVE AN ANSWER FOR YOU THERE, BUT WE
15 WILL CONTINUE TO HONOR AND PROVIDE RELOCATION SERVICES.

16

17 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** I WOULD PASS UP THE LINE OR THE CHAIN
18 OF COMMAND THAT THOSE ARE SOME CONCERNS THAT ARE BEING RAISED.
19 ALSO, YOU HAVE A HEALTH INSURANCE ISSUE. THE PUBLIC HEALTH
20 DEPARTMENT HAS INDICATED THERE IS LONG TERM PUBLIC HEALTH
21 FACTORS IMPACTING THOSE CITIZENS THERE. THE GAS COMPANY SHOULD
22 EXPLORE HEALTH INSURANCE FOR LONG TERM ILLNESSES THAT WOULD BE
23 THE RESULT OF WHAT IS OCCURRING TODAY WITH THIS LEAK. AND
24 YOU'RE TELLING THE COMMUNITY THAT IS GOING TO TAKE ANOTHER
25 APPROXIMATELY 3 TO 4 MONTHS TO RESOLVE. THAT IS A SERIOUS

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1 PROBLEM BECAUSE WHAT WAS A COUPLE DAYS IS NOT A HEALTH
2 PROBLEM, LONG TERM IS. AND THAT'S A SERIOUS FACTOR THAT HAS TO
3 BE ADJUSTED BY THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY HAS TO
4 ADDRESS BECAUSE THESE POOR PEOPLE ARE VICTIMS. THEY'RE VICTIMS
5 TO AN ECOLOGICAL CRIME. AND THEY'RE LOOKING TO THE STATE WHO
6 HAS AUTHORITY OVER THESE, YOUR AGENCY, AND YET THEY'RE NOT
7 GETTING THE RELIEF. AND YET THEIR CHILDREN, EVERYBODY IS
8 IMPACTED, THE SCHOOLS, THE LEARNING. IF YOU'RE WORKING 24/7,
9 YOU NEED TO MAYBE INCREASE THE WORKFORCE BECAUSE MORE HAS TO
10 BE DONE TO GET THIS ISSUE RESOLVED BEFORE PEOPLE HAVE
11 ADDITIONAL HEALTH PROBLEMS.

12

13 **ANDY CARRASCO:** YEAH, I CAN TELL YOU WE ARE WORKING
14 EXPEDITIOUSLY AND SAFELY AS WE CAN, WORKING 24/7. WE HAVE THE
15 WORLD RENOWNED EXPERTS WORKING WITH THE STATE AGENCIES AND ALL
16 THOSE AGENCIES INVOLVED TO DO EXACTLY JUST THAT. BUT I ALSO
17 JUST WANT TO LET YOU KNOW, SUPERVISOR, AND OTHER MEMBERS, THAT
18 WE HAVE TRIPLED OUR EFFORTS TO LET THE COMMUNITY KNOW WHAT
19 SOME OF THE OFFERINGS AND OUR ASSISTANCE FOR THE COMMUNITY. WE
20 ANNOUNCED A DEDICATED WEBSITE FOR UPDATES. THAT'S
21 ALISOUPDATES.COM. TOMORROW WE ARE OPENING OUR COMMUNITY
22 RESOURCE CENTER AT THE PORTER RANCH TOWN CENTER WHERE WE
23 INVITE THE COMMUNITY COME IN WITH THEIR CONCERNS, QUESTIONS ON
24 TEMPORARY HOUSING, RELOCATION, CLAIMS, HEALTH CONCERNS. AND
25 WE'RE GOING TO BE THERE SEVEN DAYS A WEEK UNTIL THIS ISSUE IS

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1 RESOLVED. YOU'VE DESTROYED HAPPY HANUKKAH CELEBRATION FOR THE
2 JEWISH COMMUNITY. AND YOU'RE IMPACTING THE MERRY CHRISTMAS FOR
3 THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY. AGAIN, YOU IMPACTED THE CELEBRATION
4 OF THANKSGIVING WITH FAMILIES COMING TOGETHER AND THEY'RE NOT
5 GOING TO COME TOGETHER IN AN AREA THAT'S BEING POLLUTED WITH A
6 POISONOUS GAS. I MEAN, YOU HAVE-- THOSE INDIVIDUALS HAVE A
7 REAL FINANCIAL ISSUE THAT THE GAS COMPANY HAS TO ADDRESS. AND
8 I WOULD HOPE THEY WOULD BE FORTHCOMING TO RESOLVE THIS ISSUE
9 BECAUSE NO ONE WOULD WANT TO HAVE THIS HAPPEN IN THEIR
10 NEIGHBORHOOD. AND WE NEED TO LOOK AT HOW WE CAN HELP THESE
11 PEOPLE.

12

13 **ANDY CARRASCO:** WE ARE DEFINITELY ON THE SAME PAGE THERE,
14 TRYING TO HELP THE COMMUNITY. AND, AGAIN, WE DO APOLOGIZE FOR
15 THIS INCIDENT AND THE INCONVENIENCE WE HAVE CAUSED.

16

17 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** I MENTIONED A COUPLE WEEKS AGO, IT'S
18 MY UNDERSTANDING IN THE '90S THERE WERE REPORTS MADE THAT THIS
19 WAS NOT A SUITABLE PLACE FOR THIS TYPE OF STORAGE OF NATURAL
20 GAS. AND YET THE HIGHERS UP DISREGARDED THAT AND WENT FORWARD
21 TO PUT IN THIS FACILITY. THIS PREDATES YOU. SO WE'RE NOT
22 SHOOTING THE MESSENGER. BUT THAT'S A PROBLEM. AGAIN, I WOULD
23 JUST ENCOURAGE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY TO BE UPFRONT
24 AND GET THIS RESOLVED AND ADDRESS THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL
25 IMPACT THAT IT'S HAVING ON THE NEIGHBORS.

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2 **ANDY CARRASCO:** I'LL TAKE THAT BACK. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

5 THIS ITEM HAS BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED.

6

7 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** SO MOVED.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** AND WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

10 THE NEXT ITEM, MEMBERS, WE SIMPLY WANT TO CALL UP WITNESSES

11 FOR ITEM 20. WE HAVE SEVERAL SPEAKERS. AND THIS IS ON MARINA

12 DEL REY/PLAYA DEL REY ZONED DISTRICT. AND I WILL CALL YOUR

13 NAMES UP. DAVID WARREN. LYNNE SHAPIRO. JEANETTE VOSBURG. KATHY

14 KNIGHT. PLEASE, BEGIN.

15

16 **DAVID WARREN:** OKAY. HELLO. I'M DAVID WARREN. THIS LETTER WAS

17 WRITTEN WHEN THIS TOPIC WAS ON A DIFFERENT ITEM NUMBER,

18 PREVIOUSLY. FROM MIKE BONIN, COUNCILMEMBER. "DEAR SUPERVISORS,

19 I AM WRITING TODAY ON BEHALF OF RESIDENTS IN THE NEIGHBORHOODS

20 SURROUNDING THE MARINA TO RESPECTFULLY URGE YOU TO DENY ITEM

21 45 ON THE PUBLISHED AGENDA FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2015. A NEW

22 HOTEL AT VIA MARINA AND TAHITI WAY WOULD CREATE A SIGNIFICANT

23 NEW TRAFFIC BURDEN TO AN ALREADY SIGNIFICANTLY CONGESTED AREA,

24 REMOVE PRECIOUS WILDLIFE HABITAT AND SACRIFICE AN OPPORTUNITY

25 FOR PUBLIC RECREATIONAL SPACE IN AN AREA THAT NEEDS IT.

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1 TRAFFIC IN THE AREA IS ALREADY HEAVILY CONGESTED AND WILL
2 CONTINUE TO INCREASE AS A RESULT OF MANY PROJECTS ALREADY
3 APPROVED. BUT YET TO BE BUILT, INCLUDING OTHER COUNTY PROJECTS
4 IN MARINA DEL REY. RESIDENTS IN SURROUNDING NEIGHBORHOODS FEEL
5 AS IF THEIR QUALITY OF LIFE AND THEIR ABILITY TO ENTER OR EXIT
6 THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS FOR WORK OR MORE SIGNIFICANTLY FOR
7 EMERGENCIES IS BEING SACRIFICED. THEY FEEL AS IF NEIGHBORING
8 COMMUNITIES WILL SEE LITTLE BENEFIT FROM THE PROJECTS. THERE
9 IS ALSO CONTINUED CONCERN ABOUT THE IMPACTS ON HABITAT AND
10 WILDLIFE. THE SITE OF THE HOTEL WAS PART OF THE LAST
11 UNDEVELOPED MARSH LAND IN THE MARINA WHICH IS NOT ONLY PART OF
12 THE HISTORIC BALLONA WETLANDS BUT ALSO FUNCTIONS LIKE A MARSH
13 AND HAS SIGNIFICANT VALUE TO LOCAL WILDLIFE, ESPECIALLY SINCE
14 SOME OF THE SPECIES THAT USE THE AREA ARE INCREASINGLY RARE
15 AND IMPERILED. DEVELOPING THIS SITE INTO A HOTEL WOULD BE A
16 THREAT TO THE ECOSYSTEMS AND ENVIRONMENT. FINALLY, WHILE THE
17 MARINA IS A CROWN JEWEL FOR COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND ENTIRE
18 REGION, THE AREA STILL SUFFERS FROM NON-NAUTICAL RECREATIONAL
19 SPACE. ALLOWING THE PARCEL TO REMAIN OPEN SPACE AND BECOME A
20 PARK WOULD BE A SIGNIFICANT BENEFIT TO THE NEIGHBORHOODS
21 AROUND THE MARINA. I THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION FOR THIS
22 REQUEST AND I ASK YOU DENY ITEM 45."

23

24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. OUR NEXT
25 WITNESS, PLEASE.

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2 **LYNNE SHAPIRO:** I'M LYNNE SHAPIRO BUT I DON'T MEAN TO BE
3 DISRESPECTFUL, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK WHEN ALL OF THE
4 SUPERVISORS ARE PRESENT.

5

6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE CAN'T CONTROL THAT.

7

8 **LYNNE SHAPIRO:** TWO OF THEM ARE NOT HERE.

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. CAN WE HEAR FROM ANOTHER
11 SPEAKER?

12

13 **KATHY KNIGHT:** YES. MY NAME IS KATHY KNIGHT. I'M CONSERVATION
14 CHAIR FOR THE AIRPORT-MARINA GROUP OF THE SIERRA CLUB. SIERRA
15 CLUB OBJECTS TO THESE APPROVALS FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS AS
16 WELL AS OTHERS EXPRESSED HERE TODAY. THE COST OF DEVELOPMENT
17 PERMIT ADDENDUM TO THE E.I.R. FINDING SHOULD NOT BE APPROVED
18 TODAY BECAUSE THERE'S STILL BEEN NO PROTOCOL SURVEY FOR EITHER
19 OF THE SMALL MAMMALS THAT ARE ON THE SITE-- THAT ARE ON THE
20 STATE OF CALIFORNIA LIST OF SPECIES OF SPECIAL CONCERN. WE
21 HAVE SEEN THE PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE GREAT BLUE HERON DINING ON A
22 SMALL MAMMAL, PHOTOS THAT WERE TAKEN ON THE PROJECT SITE. AND
23 ALTERING ANY OF THE SITE WHICH IS PART OF THE HISTORICAL
24 BALLONA WETLANDS MAKES NO SENSE, GIVEN WE NOW HAVE
25 ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS IN PLACE WE DID NOT HAVE IN PLACE WHEN

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1 DEVELOPERS AND THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS CARVED OUT MORE
2 THAN HALF OF THE BALLONA WETLANDS. TO BUILD MARINA DEL REY.
3 THOSE LAWS WERE PASSED IN THE 1970S AFTER THE 1960S SAW THE
4 DESTRUCTION OF MUCH OF OUR PRECIOUS WETLANDS. THE GREAT BLUE
5 HERON AND THE GREAT EGRET, TWO SPECIES THAT HAVE BEEN WELL
6 DOCUMENTED ON THIS SITE, NEED THESE SMALL MAMMALS FOR FOOD,
7 THEY HAVE BEEN DOCUMENTED HUNTING NOT ONLY ON WHAT THE
8 DEVELOPER'S CONSULTANTS HAVE DETERMINED TO BE DELINEATED
9 WETLANDS, BUT ALSO IN THE AREA OF THE PARCEL WHICH IS
10 HISTORICAL MARSH LAND WHICH IS WHERE THE HOTEL IS PLANNED TO
11 BE BUILT. THERE ARE ALSO SONG BIRDS THAT USE THE SITE,
12 SONGBIRDS THAT EAT SEEDS AND INSECTS THROUGHOUT THE SITE,
13 INCLUDING AREAS WHERE THE PROPOSED HOTEL WOULD BE SITED. THREE
14 OF YOU HAVE SERVED AT THE STATE LEGISLATURE AND I KNOW YOU
15 KNOW HOW IMPORTANT OUR STATE LAWS ARE IN PROTECTING OUR
16 ENVIRONMENT. WE ASK THAT YOU VOTE NO TO APPROVE ALL THESE
17 EXTREMELY FLAWED FINDINGS AND CONDITIONS THAT WILL MITIGATE
18 THE DESTRUCTION OF 4 MORE ACRES OF THE BALLONA WETLANDS. WE
19 HAVE ENOUGH HOTELS ON THE LOS ANGELES COAST. WE HAVE DON'T
20 HAVE ENOUGH OF THIS HABITAT FOR WILDLIFE TO RELY ON THE
21 INCREASINGLY DIMINISHED WETLANDS AND MEADOWS. AT THE VERY
22 LEAST WE ASK THAT YOU DIRECT THAT THIS VOTE BE CONTINUED AND
23 HELD UP UNTIL THE PROTOCOL SURVEYS FOR THESE TWO RARE AND
24 IMPERILED SMALL MAMMAL SPECIES, THE SOUTH COAST MARSH VOLE AND
25 ORNATE SHREW, BE COMPLETE. AND THIS IS ALSO, MY OWN COMMENTS

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1 ARE THIS IS ADDING TO GLOBAL WARMING. IT'S, YOUR TAKING AWAY A
2 NATURAL AREA AND REPLACING IT BY CONCRETE. IT'S NOT WHAT WE
3 NEED IN THE WORLD TODAY. THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

6

7 **JEANETTE VOSBURG:** GOOD AFTERNOON, I'M JEANETTE VOSBURG AND I'D
8 LIKE TO HAVE MY REMARKS ENTERED INTO THE RECORD AND THE
9 SUBMISSION I MAKE DISTRIBUTED TO THE SUPERVISORS. IN 1954,
10 MARINA DEL REY WAS CREATED BY U.S. FEDERAL DOCUMENTS 389 AND
11 780 TO CREATE A SMALL CRAFT HARBOR AND RECREATION AREA WITH
12 EQUAL ACCESS FOR ALL AT A REASONABLE PRICE FOR ALL CITIZENS.
13 THAT WAS 950 ACRES OF BALLONA WHICH COULD ABSORB STORMS BUT IS
14 NOW, THEREFORE A SMALL CRAFT HARBOR. RIGHT NOW YOU'RE TALKING
15 ABOUT BUILDING ON 9-U, A SIX-STORY BUILDING AND 263,000 SQUARE
16 FOOT HOTEL ON 2.2 ACRES OF PRECIOUS WETLANDS SET ASIDE IN
17 1954. IT'S JUST ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF A MISCARRIAGE OF THE
18 ORIGINAL INTENT OF 389 AND 780. STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL
19 BOARD 2010 INTEGRATED REPORT ON THE CLEAN WATER ACT SECTIONS
20 303 D AND 305 B REPORT SHOWS ON A MAP THAT BOTH, THAT BASINS
21 A, B AND C OF MARINA DEL REY ARE IMPAIRED WATERS. AND YET
22 YOU'RE PROPOSING THAT YOU WILL HAVE A WETLAND THAT WILL BRING
23 IN THAT POLLUTED WATER INTO A WETLAND. IT'S CLEARLY ILLEGAL.
24 THE COUNTY HAS BECOME DEPENDENT ON REVENUE FROM MARINA DEL REY
25 DEVELOPERS TO FUND THE GENERAL FUND. THIS IS WRONG. AND THIS

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1 IS DONE AT THE EXPENSE OF PUBLIC CITIZENS AND WILDLIFE. AND I
2 STRONGLY OBJECT. AND I'M TURNING IN THE MAP THAT SHOWS THAT
3 THIS AREA ARE IMPAIRED WATERS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** KATHY KNIGHT? SHE'S SPOKEN. OKAY.
6 BENJAMIN HAMILTON? RAPHAELLE THORNTON? LORI ERLENDSSON. AND
7 LYNNE PLAMBECK. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK NOW, LYNNE, MISS
8 SHAPIRO?

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10 **LYNNE SHAPIRO:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE OPPOSE THE HOTEL NOW
11 AND THE FUTURE FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS. ECOLOGY. IT IS NOT
12 LEGAL TO BUILD ON A WETLAND. ACCORDING TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL
13 DOCUMENTS, CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS WILL POLLUTE THE LAND AND
14 THE ADJACENT WATER. THESE DOCUMENTS STATE THE NEED TO REDUCE
15 CONTAMINATION RUNOFF, PREVENT SOIL EROSION, REQUIRE DEVICES TO
16 PROVIDE SAFETY AND CHECK FOR SUBGRADE DAMAGE BOTH DURING AND
17 AFTER CONSTRUCTION. ARE THE COUNTY AND ITS LESSEES NOT HELD TO
18 THE SAME STANDARD AS THE BOATERS? GLOBAL WARMING. 288 ROOMS
19 AND ACCOMPANYING VEHICULAR TRAFFIC WILL ADD HAZARDOUS WASTE,
20 INCREASED WATER, ELECTRICAL USAGE, GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS,
21 SURPASSING WHAT IS PERMITTED BY CURRENT LANDFILL CAPACITY.
22 WHAT PRICE DEVELOPMENT AND WHOM DOES IT MOST BENEFIT?
23 LEGALITY. LEASING AGREEMENTS FOR THIS PARCEL AND HOTEL HAVE
24 NOT BEEN MADE PUBLIC. THERE HAS BEEN NO COMPETITIVE BIDDING,
25 SUGGESTING CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND A COZY RELATIONSHIP TO

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1 QUOTE SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. ENOUGH BUILDING ON VIA MARINA.
2 THE DOCUMENTS STATE THAT 1,538 NEW TRIPS PER DAY WILL BE
3 GENERATED IN ADDITION TO THOSE OF THE 1600 NEW APARTMENTS IN
4 AN ENLARGED SHORES BY HARBOR AND NEPTUNE, SHARING TWO LANES
5 WITH SEVERAL THOUSAND RENTERS, CONDO OWNERS, HOMEOWNERS IN THE
6 SILVER STRAND AND ON PACIFIC. THE DOCUMENT STATES THAT
7 ADMIRALTY, WASHINGTON, LINCOLN AND VENICE WILL BE DIFFICULT TO
8 ACCESS. THIS HOTEL WILL NOT ONLY MESS UP A RESIDENTIAL
9 NEIGHBORHOOD BUT WILL DRAIN THE 70 TO 80 PERCENT OCCUPANCY OF
10 HILTON, JAMAICA BAY, MARINA DEL REY, A LARGE ONE PROJECTED FOR
11 FISHERMAN'S VILLAGE AND TWO MARRIOTT'S. ARE NOT TWO SUFFICIENT
12 FOR ONE CORPORATION?

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM.

15

16 **LYNNE SHAPIRO:** OUR SUPERVISORS WANT MORE REVENUE, BUT REVENUE
17 SHOULD NOT BE DEPENDENT ON BAD POLICY.

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER,
20 PLEASE.

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22 **RAPHAELLE THORNTON:** SURE. MY NAME IS RAPHAELLE THORNTON AND
23 I'M A RESIDENT OF MARINA DEL REY. AND I'M HERE TO READ A
24 LETTER THAT WAS WRITTEN BY MICHAEL NEWHOUSE, WHO IS THE
25 PRESIDENT OF THE VENICE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL. AND I'M GOING

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1 SUMMARIZE THE LETTER FOR YOU. "DEAR SUPERVISOR KUEHL, I'M
2 WRITING THIS LETTER TO ASK THAT YOU JOIN IN THE CITY OF LOS
3 ANGELES AND UNINCORPORATED COUNTY RESIDENTS IN OUR AREA WHO
4 ARE IN OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED 288-ROOM HOTEL, A COMPLEX
5 PROPOSAL WHICH IS BEING CONSIDERED ON APPEAL BY THE LOS
6 ANGELES BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON OCTOBER THE 6TH. THE MARINA
7 MARSH IS THE LAST PIECE OF UNDEVELOPED LAND, PART OF THE
8 HISTORICAL BALLONA WETLANDS. THAT IS NOW NESTLED DEEPLY INTO A
9 RESIDENTIAL AREA AND IT'S NOT APPROPRIATE FOR A COMMERCIAL
10 HOTEL. THERE'S BEEN FAR TOO MUCH DEVELOPMENT IN THIS AREA IN
11 RECENT YEARS, AND THE POPULATION DENSITY HAS CHANGED WITH SO
12 MANY NEW RESIDENTS. THE EXISTING E.I.R. DATA IS MORE THAN FIVE
13 YEARS OLD AND CERTAINLY NEEDS TO BE UPDATED. CIRCUMSTANCES
14 HAVE CHANGED IN THE AREA SINCE THE LAST TIME ENVIRONMENTAL
15 DOCUMENTS WERE CIRCULATED TO THE PUBLIC AND TO THE RELEVANT
16 AGENCY. I'M SURE YOU'RE AWARE THAT A SUBSEQUENT OR
17 SUPPLEMENTAL E.I.R. NEEDS TO BE UNDERTAKEN WITH THE
18 CIRCULATION OF THE NEW RELEVANT DATA. ADDITIONALLY, WE KNOW
19 THAT AT LEAST ONE OF THE CANDIDATES RUNNING TO REPRESENT THIS
20 AREA HAS STATED SHE FEELS THIS IS NOT THE APPROPRIATE USE FOR
21 THIS LAST ACREAGE OF UNDEVELOPED MARSH LAND THAT IS CURRENTLY-

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23
24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM.

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1 **RAPHAELLE THORNTON:** MAY I JUST SAY MY LAST SENTENCE?

2

3 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES.

4

5 **RAPHAELLE THORNTON:** THANK YOU. SO IN CONCLUSION, MICHAEL
6 NEWHOUSE SAYS "PLEASE DO NOT APPROVE THIS PROPOSED HOTEL
7 COMPLEX UNLESS AND UNTIL C.E.Q.A. IS FOLLOWED. THERE ARE
8 ALTERNATIVES TO BUILDING ON THIS PARCEL."

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

11

12 **RAPHAELLE THORNTON:** THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I ALSO WANT TO CALL UP DANIEL
15 GOTTLIEB, ROBERT VAN DE HOEK AND NANCY VERNON. NEXT SPEAKER,
16 PLEASE.

17

18 **BEN HAMILTON:** HI, I'M BEN HAMILTON. AND I'M A GRADUATE,
19 UNIVERSITY OF REDLANDS DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY, CHEMISTRY. I
20 MAJORED IN PRE-MED AND ECOLOGY. AND I'M ALSO ALUMNI OCCIDENTAL
21 COLLEGE WHERE I COMPLETED A DEGREE IN MARINE BIOLOGY WITH AN
22 EMPHASIS IN MARINE ECOLOGY AND EXPERTISE IN MERCURY, MERCURY
23 POLLUTION AND BEHAVIOR OF PHYTOPLANKTON. I SERVED AS AN
24 INVERTEBRATE BIOLOGIST DURING PART OF MY CAREER AND AS A
25 CHEMIST FOR SHELL CHEMICAL COMPANY IN DOMINGUEZ, WHICH IS NO

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1 LONGER THERE. I HAVE OTHER RESEARCH THAT I'VE DONE AT JET
2 PROPULSION LABS, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA RIVERSIDE, AND I
3 HAVE PARTICIPATED IN HAVING CLASSES AT U.C.L.A., U.C.I.,
4 U.C.R. AND SEVERAL OTHER INSTITUTIONS. I HAVE ABOUT 170 UNITS
5 OF SCIENCE ALONE. THAT DOESN'T MAKE ME KNOW IT ALL. ONE OF THE
6 THINGS WHICH HAS COME TO THE FOREFRONT IS THAT WE ALL NEED
7 BETTER MANAGEMENT SKILLS. SELF-MANAGEMENT AND THE MANAGEMENT
8 OF THOSE OBLIGATIONS THAT WE ARE ENTRUSTED WHEN WE ARE GIVEN
9 THE PUBLIC TRUST. I SERVED AS A HEALTH INSPECTOR FOR THE
10 INDUSTRY SERVICES. SECTION OF N.O.A.A., INSPECTING SEAFOOD FOR
11 17 YEARS. NOT ONE ILLNESS WAS TRAILED BACK TO A PLANT THAT I
12 OPERATED. SOMETIMES I HAD AN IRON HAND. WHAT I AM TRYING TO DO
13 IS TO TELL YOU THAT THERE ARE BETTER MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES.
14 THERE ARE H.A.S.I.P. PROGRAMS THAT CAN REALLY ASSIST AND HELP
15 YOU USE CRITICAL PATH MANAGEMENT TO REACH YOUR OBJECTIVES IN A
16 POSITIVE WAY. I SUGGEST YOU RECRUIT AND IMPLEMENT THESE KIND
17 OF PEOPLE AND THAT YOU NOT GO FORWARD WITH THIS PROJECT.

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. OUR NEXT
20 WITNESS, PLEASE.

21

22 **LYNNE PLAMBECK:** MY NAME IS LYNNE PLAMBECK. I'M FROM THE SANTA
23 CLARITA VALLEY. I'M WITH THE SANTA CLARITA ORGANIZATION FOR
24 PLANNING AND THE ENVIRONMENT AND NORMALLY I SPEAK IN FAVOR OF
25 PROTECTION FOR WETLANDS FOR THE SANTA CLARA RIVER WHICH I WILL

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1 BE DOING IN A LITTLE WHILE YOU GET TO CALLING THAT AGENDA
2 ITEM. BUT I WANTED TO SPEAK ON THIS ONE, TOO, BECAUSE RECENTLY
3 AT OUR INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN MEETING, WE
4 HAD A PRESENTATION FROM THE NATURE CONSERVANCY. AND HE SPOKE
5 ABOUT THE LOSS OF 95 PERCENT OF THE WETLANDS IN THE STATE OF
6 CALIFORNIA. THAT IS SAD. AND IT'S INCREMENTAL. IT'S
7 INCREMENTAL WHEN YOU LOSE A WETLAND LIKE THIS. THAT'S RIGHT
8 THE VERY LAST THING IN THAT BALLONA WETLANDS AREA. IT'S SO SAD
9 TO SEE THAT LITTLE 2 ACRES LEFT AND THEN THINK OF PUTTING A
10 PARKING LOT OVER IT. SO I HOPE YOU THINK ABOUT THAT. BUT ALSO
11 I WANT TO SAY THAT DEVELOPERS ARE ALWAYS PROPOSING MITIGATION,
12 WHICH OFTEN DOESN'T WORK. IN THIS CASE THIS WETLAND CONSISTS
13 OF FOUR DIFFERENT KINDS OF WETLANDS: VERNAL SALT FLAT, POOLS
14 AND SALINE, WILLOW WOODLANDS MEADOW AND NONTIDAL SALT MARSH.
15 AND THAT WILL NOW BE REPLACED, IF THIS PROJECT GOES THROUGH,
16 WITH JUST ONE KIND OF WETLAND. THAT IS NOT SUFFICIENT
17 MITIGATION FOR THE LOSS OF ALL THE CREATURES IN THERE. AND WE
18 JUST CAN'T CONTINUE TO BUILD OVER WETLANDS. AND I WOULD ASK
19 THAT YOU VOTE AGAINST THIS PROJECT. THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE?

22

23 **LORI ERLENDSSON:** HI, I'M LORI ERLENDSSON AND I'M READING THE
24 STATEMENT FROM BETH HOLDENGARDEN WHO COULDN'T BE HERE TODAY.
25 HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS BETH HOLDENGARDEN. I SPOKE

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1 WITH YOU ON OCTOBER 5, 2015 ABOUT CONCERNS RAISED BY AN EXPERT
2 ON DISASTER PREPAREDNESS WHO ALSO HAPPENS TO BE A NEIGHBOR OF
3 OURS. I WAS ASTONISHED TO LEARN AFTER REVIEW BY THE BALLONA
4 INSTITUTE OF THE FINDINGS YOU ARE PREPARED TO APPROVE ON
5 CONSENT THAT THIS EXPERT, WHO WAS WELL QUALIFIED AND WHOSE
6 EXPERT OPINIONS ARE BASED ON DAILY OBSERVATIONS COMMUNITY
7 SURROUNDING THIS PROPOSED HOTEL COMPLEX, AS WELL AS HIS
8 KNOWLEDGE OF THE CURRENT CONSTRAINTS OF THE GEOGRAPHIC AREA,
9 WAS COMPLETELY IGNORED. MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT YOU CANNOT
10 IGNORE EXPERTS WHO HAVE SUBMITTED THEIR PROFESSIONAL OPINIONS,
11 ESPECIALLY WHEN THEY HAVE SUBMITTED SUBSTANTIAL EVIDENCE TO
12 YOU ON THE RECORD. YOUR FINDINGS CANNOT BE APPROVED UNLESS AND
13 UNTIL YOU HAVE PLACED SUBSTANTIAL EVIDENCE TO THE CONTRARY ON
14 THE RECORD OR UNLESS YOU HAVE ADEQUATELY MITIGATED THOSE
15 CONCERNS. NEITHER WAS DONE IN THIS CASE, SO YOU LEGALLY CANNOT
16 APPROVE THIS PROJECT. PLEASE HOLD OFF ON THIS APPROVAL UNTIL
17 ALL EXPERT TESTIMONY IS ADDRESSED AND ALL CITIZEN CONCERNS ARE
18 ADEQUATELY ADDRESSED AS REQUIRED BY THE CALIFORNIA
19 ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT. AND MY OWN THING, MY OWN COMMENTS
20 ARE I USED TO VISIT THE MARINA FREQUENTLY, TOOK MY SONS BIKING
21 THERE AND CLAMBERING ON THE ROCKS AND WALKED DOGS. AND I
22 WATCHED WITH DISMAY AS MORE AND MORE BUILDINGS WERE BUILT AND
23 OPEN SPACE DISAPPEARED. PARKING BECAME IMPOSSIBLE. THE TRAFFIC
24 IS FRUSTRATING AND FRIGHTENINGLY IMPOSSIBLE AT TIMES. I URGE
25 YOU TO STOP CUTTING DOWN BEAUTIFUL TREES WITH NESTING BIRDS

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1 AND LEAVE US THIS TINY PIECE OF OPEN SPACE. THIS BIT OF-- I
2 CAN'T READ WHAT I WROTE. BIT OF WETLANDS IN A SPOT OF NATURE.
3 THIS AREA IS SO FULL OF BUILDINGS. SO OVERRUN WITH TRAFFIC SO
4 EGRESS AND INGRESS IS IMPOSSIBLE MANY TIMES, AND WE NEED THIS
5 WETLANDS.

6

7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'D ALSO LIKE TO
8 CALL UP MELANIE LUTHERN AND AARON CLARK AND DAVID KING AND I
9 BELIEVE MARSHA HANSCOM. YES, SIR, PLEASE. BEGIN THANK YOU.

10

11 **DANIEL GOTTLIEB:** MY NAME IS PROFESSOR DAN GOTTLIEB. AND I WAS--
12 - I HANDED YOU DOCUMENTS WHICH SORT OF SHOW A LOT OF THE
13 MISUSE OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE, ET CETERA, WHICH ARE CONFUSING
14 THE ISSUES. THE COUNTY HAS ATTEMPTED TO BEGIN RESTORING THE
15 WETLANDS TWO DAYS AFTER. ITS APPROVAL. BUT THE PEOPLE MANAGE
16 TO GET THEIR STATE AND FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVES TO INSIST ON
17 THE MISSING PERMITS TO BE GIVEN. SO IN OTHER WORDS, SOMEBODY
18 IS ACTING INDEPENDENTLY OF YOU AND TRYING TO GET THIS WETLANDS
19 ALL READY TO BE DESTROYED. SO WE SUCCEEDED AT LEAST IN GETTING
20 THE PROPER PERMITS. NOW, ON TODAY'S ITEM, NUMBER 20, THERE'S
21 NO MENTION OF THE \$46.7 MILLION THAT'S SUPPOSED TO GO INTO THE
22 BUILDING RESTORING THE WETLANDS, WHICH IS UNNECESSARY. AND
23 ALSO THE PARCEL FF, WHICH IS ALSO INVOLVED IN THAT IN SOME
24 STRANGE WAY. THE PUBLIC COULD ACCESS BOTH, WELL-- NOW, THE
25 STATE HOWEVER DID A REPORT ON THE COASTAL IMPROVEMENT FUND.

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1 AND IT WAS SENT TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE SPEAKER AND THE
2 PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE. AND STATES, QUOTE, THE COUNTY'S LACK
3 OF CLARITY AND URGENCY ON THIS ISSUE MAY RESULT FROM THE
4 IMPROVEMENT'S FUND SMALL ENDING BALANCE OF ONLY \$250,000, A
5 FIGURE WELL BELOW THE \$1.45 MILLION THE COUNTY INTENDED TO
6 COLLECT WHEN IT STARTED THIS PROGRAM. IT SAYS THAT THE--

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. YOUR TIME'S EXPIRED.
9 APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS. NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE.

10

11 **NANCY VERNON MARINO:** GOOD AFTERNOON, HONORABLE CHAIRMAN AND
12 BOARD MEMBERS. MY NAME IS NANCY VERNON MARINO. THE COUNTY
13 CHARTER INVESTS THE FIVE OF YOU WITH ABSOLUTE AND EXCLUSIVE
14 POWER AND AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT OUR COUNTY BUSINESS. THERE IS
15 NO PUBLIC DOCUMENT THAT GIVES THIS BOARD THE RIGHT TO SUBVERT
16 OUR LAWS OR COUNTERMAND LEGAL PROTECTIONS PUT IN PLACE TO
17 PROTECT THE PEOPLE AND THE WILDLIFE OF THIS COUNTY. THIS
18 PROJECT, THE BOARD LETTER AND THE FINDINGS OMIT TOO MUCH
19 INFORMATION FOR THE REST OF THE BOARD MEMBERS TO HAVE ADEQUATE
20 INFORMATION TO UNDERSTAND WHAT ARE THE MATTERS THAT NEED TO BE
21 CONSIDERED. AND I WOULD ASK, AGAIN, THAT THOSE WHO WERE NOT
22 BOARD MEMBERS PRIOR TO 2006 ASK FOR A CONTINUANCE. THE COUNTY
23 INVITED THIS JOINT VENTURE PROJECT IN 1998, JUST TWO YEARS
24 AFTER ENACTING THE LAW THAT ESTABLISHED PARCEL FF AS OUR
25 RECREATIONAL PARK. TWO ACRES. RECREATIONAL PARK. FUNDED IT

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1 THROUGH THE COASTAL IMPROVEMENT FUND AND ADDED FURTHER
2 ABSOLUTE PROTECTION AGAINST ANY PRIVATE USE OR DEVELOPMENT OF
3 PARCEL FF. NOW HERE WE ARE WITH THE PUBLIC BEING GIVEN 1.46
4 ACRES IN AN INCREDIBLY UNEVEN SWAP, LAND THAT IS UNAVAILABLE
5 AND UNBUILDABLE TO THE HOTEL DEVELOPER ON HIS PARCEL. THIS IS
6 A GIVEAWAY OF PUBLIC FUNDS OF MASSIVE PROPORTIONS. THERE ARE
7 OTHERS. THIS WHOLE PROJECT IS A STUDY IN A GIVEAWAY OF PUBLIC
8 FUNDS. THE OTHER ONES I'LL MENTION BRIEFLY IS THE STACKING OF
9 TWO SEPARATE DEVELOPERS' PRIVATE PARCELS.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM.

12

13 **NANCY VERNON MARINO:** REQUIREMENTS AND THE SADDLING OF
14 TAXPAYERS WITH THE ONGOING AND MAINTENANCE THEREFORE. THANK
15 YOU.

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. NEXT WITNESS.

18

19 **ROBERT VAN DE HOEK:** ROBERT ROY VAN DE HOEK, PROFESSIONAL
20 WILDLIFE BIOLOGIST AND GEOGRAPHER FOR OVER 10 YEARS WITH THE
21 U.S. GOVERNMENT IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR AND THE
22 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND AN ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATOR AND
23 THE PRESIDENT OF THE BALLONA INSTITUTE. AND I'M GOING TO BEGIN
24 WITH GIVING YOU A BIRD CALL TO DEMONSTRATE A LITTLE BIT OF
25 LEARNING HERE. (BIRD CALL) NOW, THAT WAS TWO BIRDS THAT

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1 ACTUALLY JUST MADE THAT CALL. THE MALE DOES WHO WHO WHO WHO.
2 AND THE FEMALE WHO, WHO, WHO. SO THEY OVERLAP. AND MOST OF YOU
3 HEAR BOTH OF THOSE SOUNDS TOGETHER WHEN YOU HEAR THEM IF
4 YOU'RE FORTUNATE. TO HEAR THAT, YOU HAVE TO BE IN THE RIGHT
5 PLACE AT THE RIGHT TIME, WHICH MEANS IN THE EVENING YOU'RE
6 GOING TO DO A SURVEY AS A PROFESSIONAL WILDLIFE BIOLOGIST. YOU
7 WON'T BE ABLE TO USE YOUR BINOCULARS. YOU WILL HAVE TO RELY ON
8 YOUR HEARING, NOT YOUR VISION. THAT'S CALLED A PROTOCOL
9 SURVEY, KNOWING WHEN TO DO YOUR SURVEY. TODAY WAS VERY COLD
10 THIS MORNING AND IT NEVER GOT ABOVE 60 DEGREES MUCH. AND IT'S
11 GOING TO BE COLD AGAIN TONIGHT. THERE ARE NO BUTTERFLIES
12 FLYING TODAY IN LOS ANGELES BECAUSE OF THAT COLD WEATHER. THEY
13 HAVE REMAINED STATIONARY, SLEEPING IN TREES OR ON THE GROUND
14 OR BUSHES WITH THEIR WINGS FOLDED AND JUST HIBERNATING, SO TO
15 SPEAK. TO DO A PROTOCOL SURVEY THERE, YOU HAVE TO KNOW YOU
16 CAN'T DO A SURVEY TODAY TO DOCUMENT BUTTERFLIES. THE REASON I
17 POINT ALL THIS OUT IS THAT YOU HEARD FROM TWO OTHER SPEAKERS
18 TODAY IS THAT SOME RARE ANIMALS, MICE RELATED TO THE RODENTS,
19 HAVE BEEN FOUND THERE AND IN OUR LETTER WE HAVE THAT WELL
20 DOCUMENTED ON AUGUST 5TH, 2015 TO YOUR BOARD AND IN OTHER
21 LETTERS, AS WELL, SINCE THEN. SO YOU WOULD BE VIOLATING
22 FEDERAL AND STATE LAWS IF YOU MOVE FORWARD KNOWING THAT THIS
23 SMALL RODENT IS THERE. AND I JUST WANTED TO PUT THAT ON THE
24 RECORD AS A CONCERN THAT YOU NEED TO BE THINKING ABOUT IN
25 TERMS OF A LAWSUIT AND RISK TO FINANCES. THANK YOU.

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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. VERY INTERESTING
3 TESTIMONY. NEXT WITNESS.

4

5 **MELANIE LUTHERN:** HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS MELANIE
6 LUTHERN, I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF THE MORE THAN 20,000 HOTEL AND
7 FOOD SERVICE WORKERS IN LOS ANGELES AND ORANGE COUNTY TO
8 REITERATE OUR SUPPORT FOR THIS PROJECT. THE COUNTY'S INTEREST
9 IN THIS PROJECT IS PROTECTED BY A GROUNDBREAKING AND
10 PRECEDENT-SETTING LABOR PEACE AGREEMENT. WE APPLAUD YOUR
11 VISION FOR THE COUNTY, YOUR COMMITMENT TO PROGRESS. THIS
12 PROJECT DEMONSTRATES THE BOARD'S ABILITY TO WEIGH THE NEEDS,
13 VALUES AND CONCERNS OF EVERYONE IN OUR COUNTY IN A JUDICIOUS
14 MANNER. PLEASE APPROVE THE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATIONS. THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE.

17

18 **SPEAKER:** CAN I ASK A QUICK QUESTION? I WAS TOLD WE HAD THREE
19 MINUTES EACH FOR THIS ITEM AND THE CLOCK'S BEEN GOING TWO
20 MINUTES.

21

22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** TWO MINUTES.

23

24 **SPEAKER:** TWO MINUTES, CAN YOU START OVER, PLEASE?

25

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES, ABSOLUTELY.

2

3 **SPEAKER:** I'M PASSING OUT FOR YOU A POSTCARD, AN AERIAL THAT I
4 HOPE YOU WILL TAKE A LOOK AT. YOU'LL EASILY SEE WHERE THE
5 MARINA MARSH AND MEADOW IS, THE ONLY GREEN SPACE FOR MILES
6 AROUND. AND THAT'S KIND OF THE ISSUE HERE. IT IS THE PART OF
7 THE HISTORICAL BALLONA WETLANDS, THE ONLY PLACE IN THE MARINA
8 THAT HASN'T BEEN BUILT ON YET. AND, AMAZINGLY, THERE IS
9 HABITAT STILL REMAINING ON THESE FOUR ACRES. YOU HAVE BEEN
10 TOLD THAT THERE'S ONLY WETLANDS ON PART OF IT. WE HAVE
11 PRESENTED EVIDENCE TO THE CONTRARY, WHICH HAS NOT BEEN
12 REFUTED. WE HAVE SUBMITTED NUMEROUS-- IT'S AMAZING, THE
13 FINDINGS YOU HAVE HERE, THE FINDINGS THAT YOUR STAFF HAS PUT
14 TOGETHER ARE BASED ON INACCURACIES. YOU'LL SEE THAT IN OUR
15 LETTER. SEVERAL THINGS THAT ARE INACCURATE. IT'S BASED ON
16 SUGGESTIONS THAT WE DID NOT PRESENT EVIDENCE ABOUT THE SOUTH
17 COAST MARSH VOLE IN THE MOUTH OF THE HERON. I MEAN, WE ARE
18 JUST ASKING YOU TO MAKE SURE THAT THE PROCESS IS DONE RIGHT.
19 AND IT HAS NOT BEEN. AMAZINGLY, IT SAYS THAT THE FINAL
20 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT ADDRESSED THE ISSUE OF THESE TWO
21 RARE MAMMALS. BUT THAT FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, UPON
22 QUESTIONING OF STAFF, WAS DONE FIVE YEARS AGO, BEFORE WE HAD
23 THE EVIDENCE OF THIS. SO THIS IS ONE OF THE MOST EGREGIOUS
24 VIOLATIONS OF C.E.Q.A. I'VE SEEN. WE'VE DETAILED IN OUR 10-
25 PAGE LETTER ALL OF THE PROBLEMS. I THINK THE CALIFORNIA

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1 SUPREME COURT THAT JUST CAME OUT WITH A RULING ON NEWHALL
2 RANCH THAT SAID SOME SPECIFIC THINGS ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE, AND
3 THERE'S CARBON SEQUESTRATION IN THIS PARCEL. YOU BUILD ON IT,
4 AND YOU CHANGE THAT. YOU'VE ALTERED IT. AND YOU HAVE NOT
5 STUDIED THAT ISSUE RELATED TO CLIMATE CHANGE. AND THE
6 CALIFORNIA SUPREME COURT SAYS YOU MUST.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

9

10 **AARON CLARK:** THANK YOU, CHAIRMAN. AARON CLARK FROM ARMBRUSTER,
11 GOLDSMITH AND DELVAC. I REPRESENT THE LESSEE. I SPOKE TO THE
12 BOARD LAST TIME REGARDING THIS ITEM. WE RESPECTFULLY SUPPORT
13 THE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION AND THE FINDINGS. I RESPECTFULLY
14 DISAGREE WITH A LOT THAT'S BEEN SAID TODAY. I DO SUPPORT
15 MELANIE LUTHERN'S COMMENTS FROM THE UNION. THAT'S A
16 GROUNDBREAKING STEP FOR A PROJECT OF THIS NATURE IN THE
17 COUNTY. THE APPELLANT LODGED, I THINK, A 10-PAGE LETTER ON THE
18 DAY OF THE LAST HEARING, AND WE DID RESPOND IN THE RECORD TO
19 EACH OF THOSE ALLEGATIONS. IT LOOKS AS IF THEY'VE DONE IT
20 AGAIN TODAY. I HAVEN'T SEEN THAT LETTER, BUT OF COURSE WE'RE
21 GOING TO, FOR OUR OWN RESPONSE, PROVIDE RESPONSES TO THE
22 COUNTY. IT'S A WONDERFUL PROJECT. IT'S COASTAL ACT PRIORITY.
23 IT BRINGS FOLKS FROM ALL PARTS OF THE COUNTY TO A LOWER COST
24 TYPE HOTEL. THIS IS NOT A RITZ-CARLTON. THIS IS NOT A VERY
25 EXPENSIVE FIVE-STAR HOTEL. IT'S THE TYPE OF PROJECT THAT

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1 PEOPLE OF MODEST MEANS CAN COME TO. FAMILIES CAN COME TO IT.
2 IT HAS A KITCHENETTE SO THAT YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO AND BUY A
3 VERY EXPENSIVE DINNER WITH YOUR KIDS. YOU CAN GO TO COSTCO.
4 AND HAVE A MORE AFFORDABLE TIME ON THE WATERFRONT. THAT'S WHY
5 IT'S ZONED FOR HOTEL BY THE WAY. WE'RE NOT ASKING FOR
6 EXCEPTIONS OR VARIANCES. THIS PROJECT HAS BEEN IN THE WORKS
7 FOR 19 YEARS. THIS PIECE OF LAND HAS BEEN MORE SURVEYED THAN
8 ANY IN THE MARINA. THE ALLEGATIONS ARE WITHOUT MERIT THAT
9 WE'RE DISPLACING A WETLAND WITH THIS HOTEL. THE COASTAL
10 COMMISSION WOULD NEVER ALLOW THAT. THE COASTAL COMMISSION
11 STAFF BIOLOGIST HAS BEEN ON THE SITE REPEATEDLY AND HAS
12 DELINEATED WHERE THE WETLAND IN FACT EXISTS, AND THAT'S WHERE
13 WE'RE GOING TO RESTORE THE WETLAND IN KEEPING WITH THE COASTAL
14 COMMISSION'S DICTATES ABOUT HOW THAT WETLAND SHOULD BE
15 RESTORED. AND SO I THINK ON ALL FRONTS THIS IS A WONDERFUL
16 PROJECT. I WOULD JUST ASK THAT YOU ADOPT THE FINDINGS. THANK
17 YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THIS ITEM IS BEFORE US,
20 MEMBERS.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAME CHAIR, I'LL MOVE APPROVAL.

23

24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MOVED. SECONDED BY KUEHL. WITHOUT
25 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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2 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU.

5

6 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** CURRENTLY WE'LL CALL
7 UP THE SPEAKERS WHO HAVE MULTIPLE ITEMS.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE ARE CALLING UP SPEAKERS ON ITEM--
10 ERIC PREVEN, 14, 21, 27, 44, 56, 58, C.S.-4. WE HAVE ALSO
11 GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL, ITEMS 1 AND C.S.-4. AND WE HAVE JORGE
12 CASTILLO, ITEM 1. DOCTOR?

13

14 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** THANK YOU, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. DR.
15 GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. ON ITEM 1, AGAIN, THIS IS FOR A
16 COMMISSIONER FOR THE H.I.V. COMMISSION. I'M NOT JUDGING THE
17 QUALITY OF THAT COMMISSIONER EXCEPT AGAIN THAT SOMEBODY WHO IS
18 H.I.V. POSITIVE, IT WOULD BE NICE IF ONCE IN A WHILE IT WOULD
19 BE SOMEBODY WHO IS NEUTRAL. ON ITEM 8, ABOUT THE CONSUMER
20 BUREAU, MYSELF I TRIED A COUPLE OF TIMES TO GO TO THE CONSUMER
21 BUREAU AND I HAVE HAD FOUND THEM NOT HELPFUL AT ALL. ACTUALLY,
22 THEY HAVE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO HELP ME OR GIVE ME ANY KIND OF
23 INFORMATION. THEY ALWAYS TELL ME TO CALL SOMEBODY ELSE. SO I
24 WONDER HOW OTHER PEOPLE HAVE HAD THE SAME EXPERIENCE BECAUSE
25 WE ARE SPENDING A LOT OF MONEY TO PAY THEM, AND I DON'T THINK

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1 THEY ARE ACCOMPLISHING FUNCTION THEY NEED TO ACCOMPLISH. AND
2 ON C.S.-4, ABOUT THE PREVIOUS COUNTY COUNSEL, WE HAVE BEEN
3 THROUGH A LOT OF COUNTY COUNSELS IN THE LAST FEW YEARS.
4 ANYWAY, IT WAS IN AN ARTICLE IN THE L.A. TIMES TO WHICH I
5 RESPONDED AND PUT A FEW OF MY COMMENTS, HOW I FELT THAT AGAIN
6 YOU PROBABLY DID VIOLATE THE BROWN ACT AGAIN BY FIRING HIM
7 WITHOUT NOTIFYING THE PUBLIC OR WHATEVER. AND IT WAS ONE OF
8 THOSE IMPROVISED SESSIONS, I'M SURE IT WAS ONE OF THOSE NOT
9 APPROVED MEETINGS. SO, ANYWAYS, THIS IS MY RESPONSE TO THE
10 L.A. TIMES, AND I JUST HOPE MR. SALADINO WINS HIS CLAIM. AND I
11 THINK TO DEMOTE, TO FORCE SOMEBODY TO RETIRE OR TRANSPOSITION,
12 IT SOUNDS LIKE THE MAFIA, AND I JUST HOPE HE WIN HIS CLAIM
13 AGAINST YOU. I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH COPIES. I TRIED NOT TO KILL
14 TOO MANY TREES. HAVE A GOOD DAY, BYE.

15

16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE ALSO HAVE ARNOLD SACHS
17 AND MARCIA HANSCOM. AND ARNOLD SACHS HAS SEVERAL ITEMS. 2-D,
18 1-H, 7, 14, 21, 27, 29, 31, 33, 39, 44, 56 AND 58. MARCIA
19 HANSCOM HAS ITEM 38 AND 59.

20

21 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. IT'S YOUR BOARD'S POLICY OF
22 REFERENCING SEVERAL ITEMS TO ONE ITEM THAT MAKES IT SEEM LIKE
23 WE CALL UP A LOT OF ITEMS. BUT I DID HOLD SEVERAL. I WON'T
24 DISAGREE WITH THAT. I HELD 2-D. AND JUST SOMEBODY TALKED ABOUT
25 BOARD LANGUAGE. THIS IS A THREE-YEAR SOLE-SOURCE AGREEMENT

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1 JOINTLY OPERATED BY EMPHASYS COMPUTER SOLUTIONS INC. FOR A
2 HOUSING RESOURCE CENTER. JOINTLY OPERATED BETWEEN EMPHASYS'S
3 COMPUTER SOLUTIONS INC. AND SOCIAL SERVE. ITEM 29 REFERS TO
4 THE FUNDING CONTRACT FOR THE HOUSING LOCATOR SERVICES, BUT IT
5 DOESN'T ADDRESS SOCIAL SERVE. IT JUST ADDRESSES FUNDING TO
6 EMPHASYS COMPUTER SOLUTIONS. SO WHERE'S THE JOINT? SOMEBODY'S
7 SMOKING A JOINT. AND 2-D ALSO REFERS TO ANOTHER ITEM. \$784,000
8 CONTRACT, SOLE-SOURCE, FOR EMPHASYS AGAIN, NOT THE GROUP. IT
9 DOESN'T MENTION WHAT THEY'RE PROVIDING, WHAT SERVICES THEY'RE
10 PROVIDING. I'D LIKE TO ALSO POINT OUT THAT YOU'RE SHORTING US
11 A MINUTE NOW WITHOUT PUTTING THAT UP AS A PART OF THE
12 DISCUSSION? THREE MINUTES OR TWO MINUTES? IT WAS THREE
13 MINUTES? HOUSING AUTHORITY ON THE AGENDA AGAIN. AND I BROUGHT
14 THIS UP EARLIER ABOUT THIS ARTICLE ABOUT POLICY MAKER VERSUS
15 CONCERNED CITIZEN FROM NOVEMBER 25, 2015. THE CONCERNED
16 CITIZEN? MR. SANTANA, MIGUEL SANTANA, C.E.O. OF THE CITY OF
17 LOS ANGELES, TALKING ABOUT HOW THE CITY HAS BEEN SPENDING \$100
18 MILLION A YEAR ON HOMELESSNESS WITH LITTLE COORDINATION AND
19 LIMITED RETURN ON THE INVESTMENT. YOU WOULD THINK THAT
20 SOMEBODY FROM THE COUNTY PARTNERING WITH THE CITY OF LOS
21 ANGELES WOULD HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY ABOUT THAT. \$100 MILLION A
22 YEAR, THAT'S A LOT OF RECYCLED BOTTLES. THINK ABOUT THAT.
23 YOU'D HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY. NOTHING. NOT A PEEP. NOT A POOP.
24 NOT A POP. WHOO WHOO WHOO OPEN SPACE DISTRICT'S POLICY. THE
25 PARK'S OPEN SPACE DISTRICT POLICY. ABOUT PROVIDING

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1 REFURBISHMENT FOR PARKS. YET, WELL, YOU'RE USING QUIMBY FEES
2 FOR PARK IMPROVEMENTS, NOT ACQUISITIONS. THE QUIMBY FEES
3 VERSUS THE OPEN SPACE PARKS DISTRICT THAT YOU HAVE THE
4 ASSESSMENT FOR. IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE. WHY ARE YOU USING
5 QUIMBY FEES FOR PARK RESTORATION AND NOT ACQUISITIONS? AND THE
6 LEGAL MANAGEMENT RETREAT. HERE'S A DEBATE. FORM VERSUS
7 CONTACT.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER? YES, MA'AM.

10

11 **MARCIA HANSCOM:** NOW I GET THREE MINUTES. I'M MARCIA HANSCOM,
12 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE BALLONA INSTITUTE. I'M ALSO ON THE
13 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE SIERRA CLUB ANGELES CHAPTER. AND
14 FIRST OF ALL I'D LIKE TO SAY THAT YOUR PROCEDURES FOR PUBLIC
15 SPEAKING ARE COMPLETELY CONFUSING TO THE PUBLIC. I'VE BEEN
16 DOING THIS FOR 25 YEARS, AND SOMEBODY'S GOT TO FIX THIS. THERE
17 ARE BROWN ACT VIOLATIONS ALL OVER THE PLACE. AND THIS IS A
18 PROBLEM WHERE YOU HAVE PEOPLE SPEAKING ON A BUNCH OF ITEMS
19 TOGETHER. YOU DON'T HAVE FULL HEARINGS, UNLESS SOMEONE ON THE
20 SUPERVISORS CALLS IT SPECIAL. SO THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG WITH
21 THIS PROCEDURE. IT'S NOT FAIR TO THE PUBLIC AND IT'S NOT IN
22 COMPLIANCE WITH THE BROWN ACT IN MY VIEW AND IN THE VIEW OF
23 MANY IN THE SIERRA CLUB WHO HAVE SOME CONCERNS ABOUT THIS. I'M
24 SPEAKING ON THE ISSUE RELATED TO THE FLOODPLAIN FOR THE SANTA
25 CLARA RIVER AND THAT'S BECAUSE WE'VE BEEN WORKING, THIS HAS

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1 BEEN A PRIORITY CAMPAIGN FOR THE SIERRA CLUB FOR A VERY LONG
2 TIME TO SAVE THE LAST WILD RIVER IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND
3 UNFORTUNATELY THERE HAVE BEEN JUST SORT OF DEATH BY A THOUSAND
4 CUTS. A NUMBER OF THINGS THAT HAVE GOTTEN IN THE WAY. AND THIS
5 IS ANOTHER ONE YOU'RE LOOKING THE AN NARROWING THE FLOODPLAIN,
6 TAKING OUT A PARCEL WHERE THERE IS A PROJECT THAT HAS ACTUALLY
7 NOW BEEN RULED TO BE IN VIOLATION OF C.E.Q.A. ACCORDING TO THE
8 CALIFORNIA SUPREME COURT. I MEAN, THIS IS ENTIRELY PREMATURE.
9 WHY YOU'RE HAVING THIS ON CONSENT AND WHY YOU'RE NOT HAVING A
10 FULL HEARING ON THIS ISSUE IS BEYOND US. A FULL ENVIRONMENTAL
11 IMPACT REPORT SHOULD BE REQUIRED FOR THIS. AND IT'S JUST,
12 AGAIN, ONE MORE EFFORT TO REMOVE SOME OF WILD NATURE IN LOS
13 ANGELES. AND I'VE GOT TO TELL YOU: AFTER SITTING THROUGH ALL
14 DAY TALKING ABOUT VIOLENCE, THE PROBLEMS WE HAVE IN THIS
15 CULTURE, I GO BACK TO THE PERSON WHO STARTED THIS MEETING OFF,
16 AND SHE SAID WHERE DO YOU DRAW YOUR STRENGTH? WHERE DO YOU GET
17 YOUR SOLACE AND ABILITY TO GET THROUGH LIFE? WELL, WE NEED
18 THAT CONNECTION WITH NATURE AGAIN. THAT'S WHERE WE HAVE REALLY
19 GOTTEN OFF BASE. AND IF WE DON'T HAVE THESE PLACES, IF WE
20 DON'T CHERISH THESE PLACES, IF WE DON'T RESPECT WILD NATURE
21 AND UNDERSTAND THAT THAT IS WHAT SUSTAINS US, WE ARE NOT JUST
22 CREATURES LIVING IN A BOX WITH ALL THIS CONCRETE AROUND US.
23 THAT'S WHAT IT SEEMS LIKE AT TIMES. BUT WE HAVE A LIFE THAT'S
24 BIGGER THAN THAT, AND NATURE IS HUGE. AND THIS RIVER IS A BIG

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1 PART OF THAT. EVERY BIT OF HABITAT IN THIS COUNTY NEEDS TO BE
2 PRESERVED AND RESPECTED. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. OKAY. I BELIEVE NO,
5 WE STILL HAVE A FEW MORE. WE HAVE OSCAR MOHAMMED, ITEM 2-D AND
6 29. JOHN WALSH, ITEM 7, 14 AND 56. ROBERT VAN DE HOEK, 38 AND
7 55. AND LYNNE PLAMBECK, ITEM 38 AND 59.

8

9 **OSCAR MOHAMMED:** YES, MY NAME IS OSCAR MOHAMMED. I SPEAK FOR
10 THE OPPRESSED. I SPEAK FOR THE STRUGGLING POOR AND I SPEAK FOR
11 CULTURE CHANGE. I SPEAK TO A LITTLE BIT ABOUT RELIGION OF
12 ISLAM. THE MEDIA HAS GIVEN THE MISCONCEPTION OF THE RELIGION
13 OF EL ISLAM IN THE NEGATIVE. AFRICAN-AMERICAN PEOPLE SHOULD
14 FORM THEIR INDEPENDENT MEDIA. WE ARE DEPENDENT ON OUR
15 OPPRESSORS TO GUIDE US. ANYWAY, WE SHOULD END UNJUST LAWS.
16 UNJUST LAWS ARE FOLLOWED BY DESTRUCTION. DESTRUCTION IS
17 FOLLOWED WITH THE DOOM. TODAY WE'RE LIVING IN A SOCIETY WHERE
18 CAPITALISM RULES. DESTRUCTIVE CAPITALISM. I RESEARCHED A
19 LITTLE ABOUT CAPITALISM. IT SAID CREATE A DISRUPTION. WHEN OLD
20 GOES OUT THE NEW COMES IN. THAT'S THE BEGINNING OF THE END FOR
21 EVERYTHING. THAT'S UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE. THAT'S INCLUDING
22 EVERYTHING. AND OUR PROPHET MOHAMMED, A PROPHET OF THE MUSLIMS
23 1400 YEARS AGO, HE SAID BEWARE OF NEW INVENTION. INVENTION
24 LEADS TO INNOVATION AND INNOVATION LEADS TO GOING ASTRAY AND
25 GOING AN STRAY LEADS TO HELL FIRE. THE REASON THAT CAPITALISM

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1 PUT THE WORLD UNDER HELL. BUT ANYWAY, WE SHOULD END THE
2 HOMELESS DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES ON SKID ROW. THE MAYOR OF LOS
3 ANGELES TO GET MORE MONEY FOR THE HOMELESS THAN ANY MAYOR IN
4 AMERICA. AND WE SHOULD HAVE MORE STRUCTURE FOR OUR CITIZENS
5 DOWN TOWN ON SKID ROW. WE JUST JUST LET WASTE AWAY AND DEAD
6 MEN WALKING AND DEAD WOMEN WALKING AND TRY TO FIND SOME TYPE
7 OF BALANCE IN THEIR LIFE WHO ARE DOWN SKID ROW. BUT ANYWAY WE
8 SEE FOR MANY RACES COME DOWN SKID ROW TO COMMIT SUICIDE. IT
9 TURN TO BE A SUICIDE ZONE WITHOUT ANY SAFEGUARDING AROUND THE
10 PEOPLE, AROUND THE COMMUNITY. WE HAVE TOO MUCH POWER IN THE
11 HANDS OF GOVERNMENT TODAY. WE HAVE MORE GOVERNMENT OR LESS
12 INEQUALITY. WE SHOULD GO BACK TO BASICS: RESPECT, RESPECT,
13 RESPONSIBILITY AND REASON. I THINK OF RESPECT FOR SOCIETY
14 MIGHT BE A BETTER SOCIETY. BUT ANYWAY, WHAT I WAS REALLY
15 WANTING TO SAY ABOUT WE SHOULD HALT THE M.T.A. GOING DOWN
16 CRENSHAW AND ACQUISITION. THE M.T.A. LINE SHOULD FUND-- THE
17 FUNDS TO THE HOMELESS, TO BE APARTMENTS. TO GET PEOPLE OUT OF
18 PEOPLE'S HOMES AND LET THEM HAVE AN APARTMENT OF THEIR OWN TO
19 LIVE IN. WE SHOULD HAVE MORE ACCOUNTABILITY UPON LEADERS. WE
20 SHOULD BRIDGE FOR THE POLITICAL RESPONSIBILITY. I WANT TO SAY
21 SO MUCH, 3 MINUTES AIN'T ENOUGH TIME FOR ME TO TALK. ANYWAY
22 WHEN ALLAH MADE THE HEAVEN AND EARTH AS ONE-- IN SCRIPTURE,
23 HEAVEN AND EARTH MEAN ONE IN SCRIPTURE. ANGEL GABRIEL CAME TO
24 ELIJAH AND SAID, "OH ALLAH, A BEAUTIFUL EARTH YOU HAVE
25 CREATED. HOW COULD ANY MAN NOT GO STRAIGHT?" BUT WHEN SATAN

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1 WAS MADE, HE ORDERED ALLAH CREATION. AND SATAN WENT BACK TO
2 ALLAH. "OH ALLAH, OH WHAT SATAN HAVE DID TO HIS CREATION. HOW
3 COULD ANY MAN GO STRAIGHT?"

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5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

6

7 **JOHN WALSH:** JOHN WALSH, BLOGGING AT HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG
8 RIGHT HERE OR JWALSH CONFIDENTIAL TWEETING AT @HOLLYWOODDEMS.
9 NUMBER 7 IS AN ITEM CONCERNING THE HOMELESS. WHEN I MOVED HERE
10 IN 1976, NOBODY WAS SLEEPING ON THE STREETS IN HOLLYWOOD.
11 ZERO. NOW I HAVE TO STEP OVER PEOPLE. AND THEY'RE NOT THE
12 ENEMY. AN UNEQUAL DISTRIBUTION OF WEALTH. THAT'S A COMMUNIST
13 TERM, INCIDENTALLY. AND WHAT YOU HAVE HERE CONCERNING THE
14 HOMELESS, YOU'VE DONE A HORRIBLE, TERRIBLE JOB OF DEALING WITH
15 THE HOMELESS, BUT YOU'VE CREATED A LOT OF POVERTYCRATS. YOU
16 HAVE A GIGANTIC HOMELESS BUREAUCRACY. AND I CAN WALK OUT HERE
17 ON THE STREET AND WITHIN ONE TO TWO MINUTES OF DOWNTOWN L.A.,
18 I'LL COUNT FOUR OR FIVE PEOPLE SLEEPING IN THE BROAD DAYLIGHT.
19 NOW, NUMBER 14, THIS CONCERNS A CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES AT THE
20 HAWTHORN SCHOOLS DISTRICT. AND THE RIO HONDO COMMUNITY COLLEGE
21 DISTRICT. INTEREST IN DISCLOSURE CODES. WELL, YOUR DISCLOSURE
22 CODES ARE A JOKE, PARTICULARLY WHEN THEY APPLY TO YOU. THE
23 CONFLICT OF INTEREST TANGLE AT THE COUNTY IS ABSOLUTELY OUT OF
24 CONTROL. NUMBER 56, THAT CONCERNS AN AMENDING OF SALARY
25 AMENDMENTS. THESE THINGS SNEAK THROUGH. IT DOESN'T SAY HERE IN

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1 THE AGENDA. AS BAD AS THE CITY COUNCIL IS, THEY GIVE YOU A LOT
2 OF INFORMATION ON EVERY AGENDA ITEM HERE IT'S JUST I'M
3 SUPPOSED TO, WE'RE SUPPOSED TO GO AND FIND OUT-- LET'S PUT IT
4 THIS WAY. NEVER IN THE HISTORY OF THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF
5 SUPERVISORS HAS THERE EVER BEEN AN AMENDMENT TO SALARIES THAT
6 LOWERED SALARY. IT ALWAYS RAISED THE SALARY. AND, REMEMBER,
7 HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG. TAKE A LOOK AT THE PICTURE OF SHEILA
8 KUEHL UP THERE. I DON'T NEED THE NEXT 20 SECONDS. YOU KNOW
9 WHAT YOU CAN DO WITH IT. FIRST FOLD THEM.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

12

13 **LYNNE PLAMBECK:** MY NAME'S LYNNE PLAMBECK, SANTA CLARITA
14 ORGANIZATION FOR PLANNING IN THE ENVIRONMENT AND I'M HERE TO
15 SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEM 38 AND 59 AND I'D LIKE TO BEGIN BY
16 QUICKLY SAYING HOW DISCOURAGED I AM BY THIS PROCESS OF BEING
17 ALL THESE LUMPED TOGETHER WHEN I HAD TO SPEND TWO HOURS TO
18 DRIVE DOWN HERE IN TRAFFIC AND I SAT HERE FOR FIVE HOURS TO
19 WAIT TO SPEAK TO YOU, TO ASK YOU TO PLEASE PROTECT OUR SANTA
20 CLARITA RIVER. THE FLOODPLAIN CHANGES PROPOSED ARE
21 INAPPROPRIATE. THEY ARE FOR A PROJECT, FOR THE ENTIRE PROJECT
22 THAT HAS NOT BEEN APPROVED. THE E.I.R. HAS NOT BEEN APPROVED.
23 IT'S PART OF THE RIVER ALTERATION PERMIT THAT WAS JUST SET
24 ASIDE BY THE SUPREME COURT. AND IT'S IN AN AREA WHERE THERE
25 ARE SEVERAL SENSITIVE SPECIES. AND PROBABLY THE STICKLEBACK,

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1 AS WELL, WHICH THE COURT JUST SAID THAT YOU CANNOT DESTROY ITS
2 HABITAT. NOW THE PERSON THAT DID THE BIOLOGICAL STUDIES FOR
3 THIS AREA, LOU COURTOIS, THEY ALREADY FOUND SPECIES THAT WERE
4 IN DANGER THAT HE LO AND BEHOLD DID NOT DISCOVER. HE'S A
5 CONSULTANT FOR NEWHALL LAND AND FARMING. PACE ENGINEERING, WHO
6 SAID THAT THIS WAS NECESSARY, IS THE CONSULTANT FOR NEWHALL
7 LAND AND FARMING. THERE HAVE BEEN NO DOWNSTREAM F.E.M.A.
8 HEARINGS FOR THIS AS REQUIRED BY LAW. NARROWING THE FLOODPLAIN
9 UP THERE IS JUST GOING TO CAUSE DOWN STREAM FLOODING. I'D LIKE
10 TO TURN IN MY LETTER SO YOU CAN SEE THE GRAPHICS THAT I DID,
11 WHEREVER I'M SUPPOSED TO TURN THIS INTO, OF DOWNSTREAM
12 FLOODING. BUT I JUST WANT TO READ HERE, THE ENGINEERING
13 ANALYSIS THAT IS THE BASIS FOR THE PROPOSED FLOODWAY REVISIONS
14 WERE PREPARED BY PACE ENGINEERING AND IS ENTITLED "CAPITAL
15 FLOOD AND FLOODWAY REVISION ANALYSIS." THAT'S NOT AVAILABLE ON
16 THE AGENDA OR ON YOUR WEBSITE ANYWHERE. AND IT'S FOR CASTAIC
17 JUNCTION SHERRIFF'S JUNCTION PROJECT SITE. THAT'S NOT AN
18 APPROVED PROJECT. WHY ARE WE NARROWING THE RIVER FOR SOMETHING
19 THAT MAY NOT EVEN EVER HAPPEN? THIS WAS PART OF THE PROJECT
20 THAT WAS SET ASIDE BY THE SUPREME COURT ON NOVEMBER 30TH. AND
21 NOW NOT ONLY DO YOU WANT TO DO A CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION, BUT
22 YOU WANT TO WAIVE THE SECOND READING AND JUST IGNORE ALL THESE
23 ISSUES. AND I'M ASKING YOU, PLEASE, WE CANNOT CONTINUE TO
24 NARROW THAT RIVER. IT'S GOING TO END UP IN CONCRETE. PLEASE.
25 AND I ALSO BROUGHT YOU OUR HOLIDAY CARD THAT I WOULD LIKE TO

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1 PASS OUT TO EACH OF YOU SO THAT YOU COULD SEE OUR BEAUTIFUL
2 RIVER. AND I WORE MY CHRISTMAS BELL SINCE I HAD TO MISS MY
3 DISTRICT CHRISTMAS PARTY TO SIT HERE FOR FIVE HOURS TO PLEAD
4 WITH YOUT ABOUT A RIVER. PLEASE AT LEAST ALLOW THE SECOND
5 READING ON THIS ISSUE. THERE'S NO REASON TO BE RUSHING THROUGH
6 THIS. THIS WHOLE PROJECT WAS SET ASIDE BY THE SUPREME COURT ON
7 NOVEMBER 30TH.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OUR NEXT SPEAKER.

10

11 **ROBERT VAN DE HOEK:** MY NAME IS ROBERT VAN DE HOEK. AND AGAIN
12 I'M A PROFESSIONAL BIOLOGIST. THE HONORABLE LYNNE PLAMBECK
13 JUST WON RE-ELECTION TO AN IMPORTANT BOARD IN THE COMMISSION
14 IN THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY AREA. AND SHE'S BEEN VICTORIOUS
15 WITH LAWSUIT THAT WENT ALL THE WAY TO THE SUPREME COURT. SO I
16 THINK THERE'S SOMETHING TO LISTEN THERE TO WHEN SHE SPEAKS.
17 AND SHE ENCOURAGED ME TO COME UP AND SPEAK NOW HERE, TOO, AS A
18 PROFESSIONAL SCIENTIST. I'M GOING TO TELL YOU A SCIENTIFIC
19 NAME. IT'S HARD TO FOLLOW, BUT IT'S HELIANTHUS NUTTALLII
20 PARISHII. NAMED AFTER SAMUEL PARISH. IT'S A SUNFLOWER. AND
21 FORMED A SUNFLOWER FOREST ON THE SAN GABRIEL RIVER NEAR YOUR
22 NECK OF THE WOODS ON THE L.A. RIVER, THE SANTA CLARITA RIVER
23 AND THE BALLONA RIVER. THESE SUNFLOWERS GROW 17 FEET TALL.
24 THAT'S TALLER THAN THE COMMERCIAL SUNFLOWER GROWS THAT MAKES
25 OUR LARGE SUNFLOWER SEEDS AND IS AN ANCESTOR TO THAT. IT'S ON

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1 THE FEDERAL ENDANGERED SPECIES LIST. IT WAS THOUGHT TO BE
2 EXTINCT WHICH IS EVEN WORSE THAN BEING ENDANGERED. AND WAS NO
3 LONGER FOUND ON THE SAN GABRIEL RIVER, NOR THE L.A. RIVER NOR
4 THE BALLONA CREEK. IT HAD BEEN MISSING FOR MORE THAN 100 YEARS
5 UNTIL FOUND AROUND 10 YEARS AGO OR SO ON THE SANTA CLARITA
6 RIVER, RIGHT IN THE AREA WHERE THIS PROJECT OF CHANGING THE
7 DESIGNATION OF THE FLOODWAY IS DESIGNATED. YOUR INTERIM COUNTY
8 COUNSEL, MARY WICKHAM IS INCORRECT IN WANTING TO PUSH THIS
9 FORWARD AND DO WHAT'S ESSENTIALLY A NEGATIVE DECLARATION OR
10 JUST A CHANGE. A CATEGORICAL EXCEPTION. THANK YOU, LYNNE. AND
11 IT'S REALLY BREAKING THE LAW TO DO THAT. THE NEWHALL LAND
12 COMPANY HAS KEPT THE LOCATION OF THIS ENDANGERED PLANT SECRET.
13 THEY TRIED TO HIRE SCIENTISTS IN THE MIDWEST AT OTHER
14 UNIVERSITIES TO GIVE IT A DIFFERENT NAME. IT IS THE LOS
15 ANGELES SUNFLOWER. IT IS ENDANGERED. AND IF YOU CHANGE THE
16 DESIGNATION OF THE RIVER BED OR THE FLOODWAY, YOU ARE GOING TO
17 BE IMPERILING THIS SPECIES. IT'S BEEN FOUND THERE. IT'S KNOWN
18 THERE. IT'S KNOWN TO SCIENCE. A HUGE CONTROVERSY HAPPENED IN
19 THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE BECAUSE A
20 SCIENTIST FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA EXPOSED IT AND EXPOSED
21 THE NEWHALL LAND COMPANY FOR LYING AND HAD THEIR SCIENTIST--
22 THEIR SCIENTISTS AT THE NEWHALL LAND COMPANY WERE KEPT SECRET
23 AND THEY COULDN'T SAY ANYTHING. BUT THE INFORMATION GOT OUT.
24 AND NOW IT'S THERE. AND YOU NEED TO HAVE AN E.I.R., A FEDERAL
25 E.I.S. AND A STATE E.I.R. YOU NEED TO DO BOTH THESE THINGS.

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1 THERE NEEDS TO BE COMPLETELY TRANSPARENT AND OUT IN THE OPEN
2 FOR ALL THE PUBLIC. AND MY LAST 20 SECONDS, I JUST WANT TO SAY
3 THAT INTEREST IN NATURE BY PEOPLE GOES WAY BACK WITH ARTIST
4 DRAWINGS IN THE 1800S OF AUDUBON. WHEN WE DECIDE ON SAVING AN
5 ENDANGERED PLANT, IT'S NOT THE PLANT AGAINST PROGRESS. IT'S
6 REALLY THE PEOPLE, HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS AND MILLIONS OF
7 PEOPLE IN THE 1960S WHO WORKED WITH THE CONGRESS TO GET THE
8 REPRESENTATIVES IN THIS U.S. SENATE TO PASS A BILL ON THE
9 ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT. SO IT'S REALLY ABOUT PEOPLE. EVEN MORE
10 SO THAN WHEN WE THINK IT'S ABOUT A PLANT OR ANIMAL.

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12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
13 TESTIMONY. OKAY, MEMBERS, THAT CONCLUDES OUR PUBLIC COMMENT.
14 ITEMS.

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16 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** ITEMS 2-D, 1-H, 1,
17 7, 14, 21, 27, 29, 31, 33, 38, 39, 44, 56, 58 AND 59 ARE
18 BEFORE YOU.

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** IT'S BEEN MOVED BY KUEHL. SECONDED,
21 SO ORDERED. WITHOUT OBJECTION. MEMBERS, NOW WE HAVE
22 ADJOURNMENTS AND SPECIAL ITEMS. I'LL SKIP OVER MYSELF. I'LL GO
23 LAST. I'LL CALL ON SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR, COLLEAGUES, MAY I
2 ASK YOU TO JOIN ME IN ADJOURNING IN MEMORY OF JUDGE JAMES N.
3 REESE, BORN 1919 IN NEW ORLEANS AND PASSED ON OCTOBER 30TH AT
4 THE AGE OF 96. WAS DRAFTED TO THE U.S. ARMY DURING WORLD WAR
5 II AND SERVED AS ONE OF THE FEW AFRICAN-AMERICAN OFFICERS
6 DURING THE WAR. UNDER THE G.I. BILL, HE ATTENDED, GRADUATED
7 FROM THE U.S.C. GOULD SCHOOL OF LAW. IN 1952 HE WENT INTO
8 PRIVATE PRACTICE AND BECAME THE ATTORNEY FOR MUSICAL ICON, RAY
9 CHARLES. AFTER WORKING FOR RAY CHARLES, THROUGHOUT THE '60S,
10 JUDGE REESE BECAME THE FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN LOS ANGELES
11 COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT COMMISSIONER AND LATER WAS APPOINTED TO
12 SERVE AS JUDGE FOR BOTH THE MUNICIPAL AND SUPERIOR COURTS
13 WHERE HE SERVED APPROXIMATELY TWO DECADES. AND AFTER HE
14 RETIRED FROM THE BENCH, HE BECAME A JUDICIAL ARBITRATION AND
15 MEDIATION SERVICES OFFICER AND HE DID THAT FOR A COUPLE MORE
16 DECADES AND THEN EARNED A REPUTATION IN THAT CONTEXT AS A
17 SKILLED MEDIATOR. HE WILL BE REMEMBERED AS A PIONEER, AS AN
18 EDUCATOR, AS A PHILANTHROPIST AND BELIEVED IN LITERACY FOR
19 LOCAL YOUTH AND MADE THAT A PRIORITY OF HIS COMMUNITY SERVICE.
20 HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, FOUR CHILDREN, THREE
21 GRANDCHILDREN, THREE GREAT GREAT GRANDCHILDREN AND A HOST OF
22 FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES AMONG WHOM I CONSIDER MYSELF WHO WILL
23 MISS HIM GREATLY. JUDGE JAMES N. REESE, A PRINCIPLED GUY.
24
25 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** CALL NEXT ON SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

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2 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. I ASK THAT WHEN WE
3 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF HOLLY WOODLAWN. HOLLY
4 WOODLAWN IS THE TRANSGENDER ACTRESS WHO PERFORMED IN THE 1970
5 FILMS OF ANDY WARHOL AND PAUL MORRISSEY. SHE DIED AT THE AGE
6 OF 69. BORN HAROLD DANHAKI, SHE TOOK THE NAME HOLLY WOODLAWN
7 AFTER RUNNING AWAY FROM HOME AT THE AGE OF 15. SHE ARRIVED IN
8 NEW YORK, BEGAN PERFORMING IN FILMS PRODUCED, DIRECTED AND
9 WRITTEN BY WARHOL AND MORRISSEY. AND HER STORY WAS ACTUALLY
10 IMMORTALIZED IN THE FIRST LINES OF THE LOU REED SONG, "WALK ON
11 THE WILD SIDE." TO WIT: "HOLLY CAME FROM MIAMI, F.L.A.
12 HITCHHIKED HER WAY ACROSS THE U.S.A. PLUCKED HER EYEBROWS ON
13 THE WAY. SHAVED HER LEGS AND THEN HE WAS A SHE. SHE SAID, HEY,
14 BABE, TAKE A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE." WOODLAWN RECEIVED
15 CRITICAL AN ACCLAIM FOR HER FILM ROLES. IN 1991, SHE WROTE AN
16 AUTOBIOGRAPHY, "A LOW LIFE IN HIGH HEELS: THE HOLLY WOODLAWN
17 STORY." RECENTLY. RECENTLY SHE APPEARED IN THE T.V. SERIES,
18 "TRANSPARENT." SHE LISTED NO SURVIVORS. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN
19 WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE NAME OF MARJORIE LORD,
20 PHILANTHROPIST AND ACTRESS WHO DIED AT THE AGE OF 97. HER
21 ACTING CAREER BEGAN ON STAGE IN 1936 AT THE AGE OF 18. SHE
22 SPENT 8 YEARS ACTING ALONGSIDE DANNY THOMAS IN THE SITCOM "THE
23 DANNY THOMAS SHOW" WHICH WAS ALSO CALLED "MAKE ROOM FOR
24 DADDY." SHE WAS AWARDED A STAR ON THE HOLLYWOOD WALK OF FAME
25 IN 1960. LATER IN HER LIFE, SHE WAS AN ACTIVE FUNDRAISER AND

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1 ORGANIZER FOR THE ARTS IN LOS ANGELES, INCLUDING THE JOFFREY
2 BALLET, THE U.S.C. LIBRARIES, THE BANNING MUSEUM IN WILMINGTON
3 AND THE MUSIC CENTER, WHICH SHE AND HER THIRD HUSBAND, HARRY
4 VOLK, HELPED TO FOUND AND FINANCE. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER
5 DAUGHTER, ACTRESS ANN ARCHER AND HER SON GREGG ARCHER. AND I
6 ASK THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DAVID
7 FON LEE, DIED AT THE AGE OF 95, A CELEBRATED RESTAURANTEUR AND
8 CHINATOWN BOOSTER. WITH HIS BROTHERS, HE CO-OWNED WHAT WAS
9 CONSIDERED THE FANCIEST CHINESE RESTAURANT IN LOS ANGELES,
10 GENERAL LEE'S BANQUET ROOM WHICH WAS FREQUENTED BY CIVIC
11 LEADERS AND HOLLYWOOD STARS. LEE SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF THE
12 CHINESE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN THE 1970S, LIAISON TO CHINESE
13 ATHLETES DURING THE 1984 SUMMER OLYMPICS. ORGANIZER OF CHINESE
14 NEW YEAR EVENTS AND A FOUNDER OF THE GUANGZHOU SISTER CITY
15 ASSOCIATION. LEE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE YUKIE LEE AND THEIR
16 DAUGHTER. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY WE ADJOURN IN
17 MEMORY OF MARTIN BROOKS, ACTOR, SINGER, DIRECTOR AND WRITER
18 WHO DIED DECEMBER 7TH AT THE AGE OF 90. HE'S BEST KNOWN FOR
19 PLAYING THE BIONIC SCIENTIST DR. RUDY WELLS IN THE TELEVISION
20 SERIES "THE \$6 MILLION MAN" AND ITS SPINOFF, "THE BIONIC
21 WOMAN." HE REPRISED THE DR. WELLS ROLE IN THREE T.V. MOVIES,
22 "THE RETURN OF THE \$6 MILLION MAN" AND THE "BIONIC WOMAN,"
23 "BIONIC SHOWDOWN" AND "BIONIC EVER AFTER." HE ALSO PERFORMED
24 ON BROADWAY WORKING WITH KATHERINE CORNELL, HELEN HAYES, JULIE
25 HARRIS, RUTH GORDON, GERALDINE PAGE, MARIAN SELDES AND UTA

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1 HAGEN. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS LONGTIME PARTNER EDIE LANDAU. AND
2 I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
3 HOWARD WEST, HOLLYWOOD PRODUCER AND MANAGER, DIED AT THE AGE
4 OF 84. HE BEGAN HIS ENTERTAINMENT WORKING AT THE MAIL ROOM AT
5 THE WILLIAM MORRIS AGENCY. HIS CLIENTS AT WILLIAM MORRIS
6 INCLUDED NEIL DIAMOND, GLENN CAMPBELL, ANNE MURRAY, RUTH BUZZI
7 AND PAUL LYNDE. LATER HE LAUNCH HIS OWN FIRM SHAPIRO/WEST AND
8 ASSOCIATES WITH CHILDHOOD FRIEND GEORGE SHAPIRO. THEY WERE KEY
9 PLAYERS IN THE LAUNCH OF THE N.B.C. COMEDY SERIES "SEINFELD."
10 SHAPIRO/WEST AND ASSOCIATES ALSO MANAGED SUCH COMEDY LEGENDS
11 AS ANDY KAUFMAN AND MARTY FELDMAN. WEST IS SURVIVED BY HIS
12 WIFE OF 54 YEARS, MARLENE, A DAUGHTER DAYNA, AND A SON TODD.

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14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR KNABE.

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16 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. I WOULD MOVE THAT WE
17 ADJOURN IN MEMORY TODAY OF ROY KITANO, WHO PASSED AWAY ON
18 DECEMBER 3RD AT THE AGE OF 92. HE WAS RAISED IN COMPTON WHERE
19 HIS FAMILY FARMED BEFORE WORLD WAR II. AFTER THE WAR, THE
20 FAMILY FOUNDED THE FAMOUS RETAIL NURSERY KITANO'S GARDEN
21 CENTER IN COMPTON AND LATER EXPANDED TO LONG BEACH AND LA
22 PALMA. HE WAS A VETERAN NURSERYMAN, SMALL BUSINESS OWNER UNTIL
23 HIS RETIREMENT. HE JUST LOVED HIS GARDEN AND GREENHOUSE, AND
24 WOULD SPEND HOURS THERE EVERY DAY UNTIL HIS LATE 80S. HE WAS A
25 DEDICATED FAMILY MAN. GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR. GREAT CORPORATE

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1 CITIZEN. HE WAS MARRIED TO TOSHIKO FOR 56 YEARS AND HAD THREE
2 CHILDREN. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS DAUGHTER JUDI, THREE
3 GRANDCHILDREN AND MANY NEPHEWS AND NIECES. GREAT GUY. HE WILL
4 BE MISSED BY ALL WHO KNEW HIM. ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
5 CECIL MARTIN "CEC" BLASNEK, WHO PASSED AWAY ON DECEMBER 4TH.
6 HE GRADUATED FROM INGLEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL AND THE EL CAMINO
7 COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND THEN U.S.C. WHERE HE RECEIVED HIS DEGREE
8 IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING. SERVED IN THE ARMY. STATIONED AT
9 WHITE SANDS PROVING GROUNDS. LED TO A LIFETIME CAREER IN THE
10 AEROSPACE INDUSTRY. HE WAS VERY ACTIVE MEMBER AND BOARD MEMBER
11 OF THE LAKEWOOD Y.M.C.A. INSTITUTE OF ELECTRICAL AND
12 ELECTRONIC ENGINEERS, TREASURER OF THE STROKE ASSOCIATION.
13 VERY ACTIVE IN HIS CHURCH AT GRACE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN WHERE HE
14 WAS A DEACON AND ALSO A MENTOR FOR POWER 4 YOUTH AND A DEVOTED
15 ALUMNI AT U.S.C. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 59 YEARS, JOYCE,
16 HIS THREE CHILDREN, ELIZABETH, CHRISTOPHER AND BRENT, FIVE
17 GRANDDAUGHTERS AND A SISTER. ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JEAN
18 ISABELLE PETZOLD WHO PASSED AWAY PEACEFULLY IN HER HOME AT THE
19 AGE OF 98. SHE MARRIED ROBERT, HER HUSBAND ROBERT, BACK IN
20 1942. THEY RESIDED FIRST IN LONG BEACH AND THEN LAKEWOOD. HAD
21 THREE CHILDREN. ROBERT, ROBERTA AND JACKIE. VERY ACTIVE IN THE
22 CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH AND THE LAKEWOOD GARDENS CIVIC
23 ASSOCIATION. LOVED TO TRAVEL, PLAY GOLF AND WORD PUZZLES.
24 SURVIVED BY HER SON ROBERT, DAUGHTER ROBERTA, 12 GRANDCHILDREN
25 AND 14 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. FINALLY, THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY

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1 OF TIBOR RUBIN, HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR AND KOREAN WAR VETERAN WHO
2 PASSED AWAY ON DECEMBER 8TH AT HIS HOME. HE FOUGHT BRAVELY FOR
3 HIS COUNTRY AND WAS CAPTURED AND SPENT 30 MONTHS AS A PRISONER
4 OF WAR IN NORTH KOREA. UPON HIS RETURN FROM THE WAR, HE LIVED
5 A VERY QUIET LIFE HERE IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WORKING IN A
6 BUSINESS OWNED BY HIS BROTHER. HE'LL BE MISSED BY ALL WHO KNEW
7 AND LOVED HIM. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS.

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9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

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11 **SUP. MICHAEL ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ALSO JOIN IN DAVID LEE'S
12 ADJOURNMENT. HE WAS A FRIEND. HE AND HIS WIFE WERE FRIENDS OF
13 MY FAMILY. AS WAS STATED, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES
14 COUNTY. PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 95. SERVED OUR MILITARY
15 DURING WORLD WAR II WITH THE UNITED STATES NAVY AND WAS THE
16 CO-OWNER OF THE LOS ANGELES CHINATOWN RESTAURANT GENERAL
17 LEE'S. HE FOUNDED THE L.A. COUNTY'S, L.A. CITY'S GUANGZHOU
18 SISTER CITY ASSOCIATION, BUT HE WAS ALSO QUITE ACTIVE IN THE
19 OTHER CHINESE FAMILY ASSOCIATIONS THAT WE HAVE IN THE CHAMBER.
20 HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE YUKI AND DAUGHTER SHARON WHO IS ALSO
21 INVOLVED IN THE SANSEI PAGEANT MANY YEARS AGO WHEN SHE WAS A
22 MUCH YOUNGER AGE. HE WAS BASICALLY ALL OF THE VARIOUS EVENTS
23 THAT WE HAD WITHIN THE COMMUNITY AND LIVED A FULL LIFE AND
24 ACTIVE TILL THE END. ALSO, TED CUMMINGS PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE
25 OF 78. HE HAD ALSO BEEN IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY BUT HAD A

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1 CAREER IN AEROSPACE. HE WAS AN ENGINEER. HE CONTRIBUTED TO THE
2 UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT'S BIGGEST SPACE PROGRAMS INCLUDING
3 THE APOLLO MISSIONS AND PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN'S STRATEGIC
4 DEFENSE INITIATIVE. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE AND THEIR THREE
5 CHILDREN AND FOUR GRANDCHILDREN. MARIJA BUMBAK PASSED AWAY AT
6 THE AGE OF 86. LONGTIME MEMBER OF ST. ANTHONY'S CROATIAN
7 CATHOLIC CHURCH. SHE IS SURVIVED BY TWO SONS, NIKOLA AND ANTE.
8 JOHN TRITCH PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 88. HE WAS THE CO-OWNER
9 OF THE TRITCH HARDWARE STORE IN EAGLE ROCK WHICH HAD BEEN IN
10 BUSINESS FOR OVER 75 YEARS. AND HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE
11 MARY AND HIS BROTHER AND 10 CHILDREN AND TWO-STEP CHILDREN.
12 ELDER JOHN EDWARD ROBERTS, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF GLENDALE,
13 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 65. HE WAS SERVING THE CHRISTIAN
14 COMMUNITY ALONG WITH HIS WIFE, PASTOR SHARON ROBERTS, AT THE
15 ST. JOHN PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH IN SAN BERNARDINO. HE IS
16 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE AND FOUR CHILDREN. KYLE RICHARD KULISH
17 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 55. HE WORKED ONE TIME AS A BUREAU
18 MANAGER FOR UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL AS WELL AS A WRITER FOR
19 "THE ORLANDO SENTINEL" AND THEN WENT ON TO BECOME A MEMBER OF
20 THE SCREEN ACTORS GUILD AND ACTORS EQUITY BEFORE TEACHING
21 ENGLISH AT GOLDEN VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL FOR 10 YEARS. HE IS
22 SURVIVED BY HIS MOTHER AND TWO BROTHERS. HARRY GOODLIN,
23 LONGTIME RESIDENT OF SANTA CLARITA VALLEY, HE PASSED AWAY AT
24 THE AGE OF 87. SERVED IN THE CANADIAN ARMED FORCES, THE
25 MERCHANT MARINES FOR 28 YEARS. THEN HE WENT TO L.A. COUNTY AND

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1 WORKED FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AS A CONSTRUCTION
2 INSTRUCTOR. HE WAS ALSO INVOLVED IN HIS COMMUNITY AS THE HART
3 PARK BOTH IN SANTA CLARITA AS A DOCENT. AND HE WAS ALSO A
4 SENIOR VOLUNTEER AT THE NEWHALL CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL
5 OFFICE. AND HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE VICTORIA. THERESA
6 CARPENTER, RETIRED LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT. SHE
7 PASSED AWAY ON OCTOBER 31ST. AND HER LAST ASSIGNMENT WAS THE
8 COURT SERVICES. ALSO CRAIG CARPENTER, RETIRED COUNTY SHERIFF.
9 HE WAS A CAPTAIN. PASSED AWAY ON DECEMBER 9TH. HE HAD JOINED
10 THE DEPARTMENT IN 1952 AND RETIRED IN '78 AND ALSO WAS A
11 VETERAN OF WORLD WAR II. THAT WOULD BE IT. THEN I HAVE A
12 MOTION I WANT TO I READ IN FOR NEXT WEEK. AND IT'S RELATIVE TO
13 THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES MOTION. THE MOTION DIRECTS THE
14 C.E.O. AND DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, THIS IS CO-AUTHORED BY
15 SUPERVISOR SHEILA KUEHL, TO ENACT SUPPORT IN ENACTING THE
16 BIPARTISAN LEGISLATION TO STRENGTHEN ENHANCED MENTAL HEALTH
17 SERVICES IN THE COUNTY, SPECIFIC POINTS OF LEGISLATION THAT
18 WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AND POSTED IN THE JANUARY 5TH AGENDA. SO
19 FOR NEXT WEEK.

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21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. I'D LIKE TO
22 READ IN SOME MOTIONS, AS WELL. THE FIRST ITEM THAT I'D LIKE TO
23 BRING UP IS REGARDING WINTER SHELTERS, THE EXPANSION OF THOSE
24 SHELTERS. AND I'D LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR KNABE FOR AGREEING
25 TO JOIN ME ON THIS. WE'VE HEARD A GREAT DEAL TODAY ABOUT EL NI

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1 O AND THE IMPACT THAT IT'S GOING TO HAVE AND WHETHER OR NOT
2 WE'RE GOING TO BE READY FOR THAT. I'M ASKING THAT THIS MOTION
3 DIRECT THE C.E.O. TO REPORT BACK WITHIN 30 DAYS ABOUT
4 EXPEDITING A SOLICITATION PROCESS THAT WOULD ALLOW FOR OPENING
5 ADDITIONAL SHELTERS IN PLACES LIKE CHURCHES, VACANT ARMORIES,
6 COUNTY-OWNED FACILITIES, PLACES THAT ARE WILLING TO OPEN UP
7 THEIR DOORS AND PROVIDE THE HOMELESS WITH THE SHELTER AND
8 SUPPORT THEY NEED DURING THE HARSH WINTER MONTHS. GIVEN THE
9 RECENT PHILANTHROPY MOTION I INTRODUCED EARLIER THIS YEAR, WE
10 WOULD ALSO LIKE THE C.E.O. TO REPORT BACK ON PHILANTHROPIC
11 AGENCIES THAT WOULD PROVIDE FUNDING FOR ADDITIONAL SHELTER
12 FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN. THESE CHILDREN, AS WELL AS THEIR
13 PARENTS, ARE VULNERABLE AND AT RISK. WORKING WITH THE DIRECTOR
14 OF THE OFFICE OF CHILD PROTECTION, I'M HOPEFUL THAT THE C.E.O.
15 WILL BE ABLE TO PARTNER WITH THE PHILANTHROPIC LEADERS IN
16 PROVIDING THE NEEDED RESOURCES TO SUPPORT CHILDREN AND THEIR
17 FAMILIES IN FINDING NEEDED SHELTER AND TO PUT THEM ON A PATH
18 TO FINDING PERMANENT HOUSING. NOW I'D LIKE TO READ THE NOTION.
19 IT SAYS, "EL NI O WILL MAKE ITS WAY TO CALIFORNIA IN THE NEXT
20 SEVERAL WEEKS. HOMELESS SERVICE PROVIDERS ARE URGENTLY TRYING
21 TO SEEK LARGE VACANT SPACES FOR THE THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WHO
22 WILL NEED SHELTER FROM THE STORMS. YEAR ROUND THERE ARE ONLY
23 ENOUGH BEDS TO HOUSE ABOUT 1/3 OF THE COUNTY'S 44,000
24 HOMELESS. IN PREVIOUS ACTIONS EARLIER THIS YEAR, THE BOARD
25 APPROVED THE LENGTHENING OF THE PERIOD THAT OUR WINTER

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1 SHELTERS WOULD BE OPEN. WE ALSO INCREASED THE BEDS IN THE
2 EXISTING WINTER SHELTERS TO THEIR MAXIMUM CAPACITY. IN
3 ADDITION, THE LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICES AUTHORITY PLANS TO
4 OPEN 7 ADDITIONAL SHELTER IN THE COMING WEEKS DURING THE
5 EXTREME WEATHER PERIOD. ADDITIONAL WINTER SHELTERS ARE NEEDED
6 TO ADDRESS THE GAP THAT EXISTS BETWEEN THE NUMBER OF AVAILABLE
7 BEDS AND THE INCREASED NEED DURING ANTICIPATED EL NI O
8 ACTIVITY. WHILE WINTER SHELTERS PROVIDE TEMPORARY HOUSING,
9 WARMTH, FOOD, TO SINGLE ADULT MEN AND WOMEN, THAT'S NOT
10 ENOUGH. MOREOVER, FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN ARE NOT SERVED BY
11 THESE SITES AND THE INABILITY TO PROVIDE THEM WITH SHELTERS
12 PUTS THEM AT RISK. AS A RESULT, WE HAVE AN IMMEDIATE NEED TO
13 FIND SHELTER LOCATIONS THAT CAN BOTH SERVE ADULTS AND CHILDREN
14 WITH FAMILIES. WE THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD DIRECT THE
15 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER IN COORDINATION WITH THE DIRECTOR OF
16 HOMELESS INITIATIVE TO REPORT BACK WITHIN 30 DAYS WITH A PLAN
17 FOR AN EXPEDITED SOLICITATION PROCESS THAT WOULD ALLOW THE
18 OPENING OF ADDITIONAL SHELTERS. THE REPORT SHOULD ALSO INCLUDE
19 EXPANDED TRANSPORTATION TO BOTH NEW AND EXISTING WINTER
20 SHELTER SITES. WE FURTHER MOVE THAT THE BOARD DIRECT THE CHIEF
21 EXECUTIVE OFFICER IN COORDINATION WITH THE OFFICE OF CHILD
22 PROTECTION TO REPORT BACK WITHIN 30 DAYS WITH THE LIST OF
23 PHILANTHROPIC AGENCIES THAT WILL PROVIDE FUNDING TO HOUSE
24 FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN.

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** AND THAT WOULD INCLUDE, TOO, LOOKING AT THE
2 POSSIBILITY OF SOME FOLKS OUT THERE THAT HAVE MODULAR
3 OPPORTUNITIES FOR US, THAT COULD BE BUILT UP AND TAKEN DOWN
4 PARTICULARLY DURING THE EL NI O SEASON.

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6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THERE IS A PUBLIC COMMENT REQUEST.
7 ARNOLD SACHS. YEAH. DID YOU WANT TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM? YOU
8 DON'T HAVE TO. IT'S EXTRAORDINARY ON MINE.

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10 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YOUR ITEM ON THE AGENDA, REPORT BY THE CHIEF
11 EXECUTIVE OFFICER ON THE COUNTY'S PREPARATIONS FOR THE
12 PREDICTED EL NI O EVENT, THAT WAS R-1 WHICH WE HEARD AT THE
13 VERY BEGINNING OF THE AGENDA ITEM AND YOU HAD SEVERAL
14 DEPARTMENT HEADS COME UP AND THEY TALKED ABOUT SCENARIOS THAT
15 THEY HAD PLAYED OUT IN CASE OF EL NI O. AND YOU WANT TO REPORT
16 BACK IN 30 DAYS? I WOULD THINK THAT YOU WOULD HAVE A
17 DEPARTMENT HEAD LOOKING AT THE REPORTS FOR THE SCENARIOS ON
18 HOMELESSNESS. I MEAN, IT'S NOT LIKE IT'S BEEN BACK PAGE NEWS
19 IN THE LOCAL NEWSPAPERS. I MEAN, THERE HAVE BEEN DISCUSSIONS
20 ABOUT WHAT TO DO OR THE HOMELESS, THE SITUATION THAT'S FACING
21 HOMELESS PEOPLE WITH THIS EL NI O THAT'S BEEN REPORTED FOR A
22 COUPLE MONTHS OR SO IF YOU GET A REPORT BACK IN 30 DAYS, LET'S
23 JUST SAY, THAT'S THE MIDDLE OF JANUARY. AND THEN EXPEDITED
24 REPORT, EXPEDITED MOTIONS OR ACTION BY THE-- WE GET THESE
25 SHELTERS TOGETHER. YOU'RE LOOKING AT THE BEGINNING OF

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1 FEBRUARY. SO PRETTY SURE THAT EL NI O IS OVER BY THE BEGINNING
2 OF MARCH. SO BY THE TIME YOU GET SOMETHING IN MOTION, MOST OF
3 THE RAIN STORMS WOULD BE OVER. I MEAN, HOPEFULLY, I WANT TO
4 SAY HOPEFULLY THEY WON'T BE, BUT I DON'T WANT TO SAY THAT. AND
5 I DON'T WANT TO SAY HOPEFULLY THEY WILL BE. I AM JUST LOOKING
6 AT: WHAT TOOK YOU SO LONG? WHERE YOU BEEN? I MEAN, THAT
7 DOESN'T MAKE SENSE. THIS IS MORE OF THE BOARD, I MEAN, WE GOT
8 CAUGHT IN THAT GAS ATTACK AND IT'S GONE STRAIGHT TO YOUR HEAD.
9 WE NEED SOME ACTIVITY. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN
10 HAPPENING IN SEPTEMBER. THIS IS SOMETHING YOU SHOULD HAVE
11 PLANNED FOR THEN.

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13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THIS ITEM HAS BEEN MOVED AND
14 SECONDED. IF THERE IS ANY OBJECTION, NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.
15 NEXT ITEM I HAVE IS A READ-IN MOTION. AND IT IS REALLY MORE
16 JUST SUPPORTING THE RECENT MOVEMENT TAKEN BY OUR FEDERAL
17 GOVERNMENT IN SUPPORT OF EXPANDING U.S.-CUBA RELATIONS. AND
18 TODAY I'M INTRODUCING THIS READ-IN MOTION PROCLAIMING SUPPORT
19 FOR THE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF THE U.S.-CUBA DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS
20 AND PRAISING LAST WEEK'S LAUNCH OF THE DIRECT FLIGHTS BETWEEN
21 LOS ANGELES AND CUBA. "IT'S BEEN A YEAR SINCE PRESIDENT OBAMA
22 ANNOUNCED A NEW DIRECTION IN THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE U.S.
23 AND CUBA. AND WHAT STARTED OUT AS A PROPOSED PRISONER SWAP
24 BETWEEN BOTH COUNTRIES HAS NOW TURNED INTO A HISTORIC RE-
25 ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AFTER MORE THAN FIVE

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1 DECADES. OUR TWO COUNTRIES WERE ONCE ON THE BRINK OF NUCLEAR
2 WAR, WHICH PROMPTED 50 YEARS OF THE U.S. ECONOMIC EMBARGO.
3 THEY HAVE NOW OPENED EMBASSIES IN EACH OTHER'S COUNTRIES AND
4 HAVE INCREASED THE FLOW OF PEOPLE AND CAPITAL BETWEEN THEM.
5 REPRESENTATIVES FROM OTHER STATES SUCH AS ILLINOIS AND OHIO
6 ARE NOW SHOWCASING THEIR LOCAL ECONOMY AND ITS ABILITY TO
7 BENEFIT FROM THAT EMERGING ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP. L.A. COUNTY
8 SHOULD ALSO DO THE SAME. LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHOULD SEEK TO
9 CELEBRATE OUR OWN CUBAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY BY EXPANDING OUR
10 SUPPORT FOR THE PEOPLE OF CUBA AS WELL AS EXPLORING
11 OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES TO DEVELOP
12 RELATIONSHIPS IN CUBA. AND AS A STEP IN THAT DIRECTION, I
13 WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THIS PAST SATURDAY, AMERICAN
14 AIRLINES OPERATED ITS FIRST NONSTOP FLIGHT TO CUBA FROM L.A.X.
15 SO WE TAKE THIS MOMENT TO RECOGNIZE ONE YEAR OF A RENEWED
16 RELATIONSHIP WITH CUBA, PROMOTING MORE EFFECTIVE CHANGE THAT
17 SUPPORTS THE CUBAN PEOPLE IN OUR INTERESTS ABROAD. I'D LIKE TO
18 READ IN THE MOTION. DECEMBER 2014, PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA
19 ESTABLISHED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AND ANNOUNCED A NEW DIRECTION
20 IN THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE U.S. AND CUBA. IN JULY OF
21 2015, THE U.S. EMBASSY REOPENED IN HAVANA FOR THE FIRST TIME
22 SINCE PRESIDENT DWIGHT EISENHOWER SEVERED RELATIONS BACK IN
23 1961. BEGINNING IN JANUARY 2015 AND CONTINUING AGAIN IN
24 SEPTEMBER 2015, THE U.S., TREASURY AND COMMERCE DEPARTMENT
25 UPDATED THE CUBA SANCTIONS REGULATION TO ALLOW FOR MORE

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1 ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY TO EMERGE THROUGH TRAVEL,
2 TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INTERNET, REMITTANCES AND CUBAN BUSINESS
3 OPERATIONS. ON OCTOBER, 9TH GOVERNORS INCLUDING OUR OWN
4 GOVERNOR, JERRY BROWN, SIGNED A LETTER CALLING ON CONGRESS TO
5 LIFT THE EMBARGO. THAT SAME MONTH, THE U.S. COMMERCE SECRETARY
6 VISITED THE ISLAND, AFFIRMING, AND I QUOTE, "WE WANT ALL
7 CUBANS PLUG INTO THE GLOBAL ECONOMY AND ENJOY A HIGHER
8 STANDARD OF LIVING WHILE ALSO GIVING THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED
9 STATES AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN ABOUT CUBA AND DEVELOP
10 RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE PEOPLE OF AN ISLAND THAT IS ONLY 90
11 MILES AWAY FROM OUR SHORES." WHILE THE PRESIDENT HAS CALLED ON
12 CONGRESS TO REPEAL THE EMBARGO ENTIRELY, MEMBERS OF CONGRESS
13 ARE PROPOSING CHANGES TO CURRENT CUBAN POLICIES IN WAYS THAT
14 DO BENEFIT THE U.S. INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES FROM AGRICULTURE,
15 HOTEL, HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM HAVE ORGANIZED DELEGATIONS TO
16 THAT ISLAND. SINCE JULY, ARKANSAS GOVERNOR ASA HUTCHINSON
17 EMBARKED ON THE FIRST IN A SERIES OF STATE AND REGIONAL LEVEL
18 TRADE MISSION TO THE ISLAND. REPRESENTATIVES FROM ILLINOIS AND
19 OHIO HAVE ALSO SHOWCASED THEIR LOCAL ECONOMY AND ITS ABILITY
20 TO BENEFIT FROM THAT EMERGING ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP. HERE IN
21 L.A. COUNTY, WE SHOULD CELEBRATE OUR OWN CUBAN AMERICAN
22 COMMUNITY HERITAGE INSPIRED BY THE CHANCE TO EXPAND OUR
23 EFFORTS TO SUPPORT THE PEOPLE OF CUBA AS WELL AS EXPLORE
24 OPPORTUNITIES FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES TO DEVELOP RELATIONSHIPS IN
25 CUBA. ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12TH, 2015, AMERICAN AIRLINES

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1 OPERATED ITS FIRST NONSTOP FLIGHT, SOLD BY CUBA TRAVEL
2 SERVICES INC. FROM LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. I
3 THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCLAIM SUPPORT
4 FOR PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA'S RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF THE UNITED
5 STATES-CUBA DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AND PRAISE THE SIGNIFICANCE
6 OF THIS WEEK'S LAUNCH OF DIRECT FLIGHTS BETWEEN LOS ANGELES
7 AND CUBA.

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9 **SUP. KNABE:** SECOND.

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11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. THERE'S A SECOND. THAT'S FOR
12 JANUARY. THANK YOU. WITHOUT OBJECTION. I HAVE ONE LAST ITEM.
13 AND THIS IS REGARDING THE OLYMPICS, MEMBERS. AND THIS A READ-
14 IN MOTION. AS YOU KNOW, MUCH ATTENTION HAS BEEN RECENTLY PAID
15 TO THE 2024 OLYMPICS BID THAT THE CITY OF L.A. HAS CHAMPIONED
16 TO THE WORLD. THIS WEEK, THE NUMBER OF CANDIDATES DROPPED DOWN
17 TO 4. LOS ANGELES, PARIS, ROME AND BUDAPEST. ON THE ONE HAND
18 WE WANT TO BE PRUDENT REGARDING THE COST AND RISKS OF SUCH AN
19 UNDERTAKING, BUT ON THE OTHER HAND, VENUES AND COMMUNITIES
20 ACROSS THE COUNTY COULD BE PLACES OF GREAT CELEBRATION AND
21 INVESTMENT ATTENTION. AND WE WANT TO FULLY EXTEND THAT
22 OPPORTUNITY TO OUR RESIDENTS HERE. THE OPPORTUNITY TO HOST THE
23 GAMES COULD ALSO HOLD PROMISE OR HAVE AN IMPACT ON COUNTY
24 FACILITIES AND SERVICES. ONE IDEA IS GETTING GREATER
25 CONSIDERATION IS THE NOTION THAT A MASSIVE ATHLETE'S VILLAGE

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1 COULD BE DEVELOPED AND LATER RE-PURPOSED TO ADDRESS OUR
2 REGION'S CRITICAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING NEEDS AND PERHAPS EVEN
3 THE HOMELESSNESS ISSUE. I'M OFFERING THE MOTION TODAY TO
4 SIMPLY ASK THAT WE BE PREPARED TO THOUGHTFULLY AND PROACTIVELY
5 ENTER THE DIALOGUE NOW. WE'RE ASKING THE C.E.O. TO RETURN TO
6 THE BOARD IN 45 DAYS READY WITH A TEAM TO DO JUST THAT. AND
7 WITH THAT I'D LIKE TO READ THE MOTION. "OUR REGION HAS THE
8 OPPORTUNITY TO BE INSPIRED AND TRANSFORMED IF THE OLYMPICS
9 INDEED RETURNS TO L.A. IN THE SUMMER OF 2024. AS WITH PAST
10 OLYMPIC GAMES IN L.A. IN 1932 AND '84, SIGNIFICANT PREPARATION
11 AND CAREFUL PLANNING ARE CRITICAL TO ENSURING THAT THE
12 INVESTMENT AND HARD WORK THAT GO INTO HOSTING GAMES PRODUCE
13 ENDURING BENEFITS TO THE FULL DIVERSITY OF OUR COUNTY
14 RESIDENTS. MUCH ATTENTION HAS RECENTLY BEEN PAID TO THE
15 OLYMPICS' BID THAT THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES HAS CHAMPIONED TO
16 THE WORLD. THE COUNTY, TOO, HAS A ROLE TO PLAY IN MAKING ANY
17 BID A SUCCESS. AS WITH OLYMPICS PAST, ONE PROMISING IDEA IS
18 GETTING IS GREATER CONSIDERATION, AND THAT'S THE NOTION THAT
19 THE MASSIVE ATHLETE'S VILLAGE COULD BE DEVELOPED AND LATER RE-
20 PURPOSED TO ADDRESS OUR REGIONAL CRITICAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING
21 NEEDS. THIS TYPE OF UNDERTAKING, PARTICULARLY GIVEN THE
22 LIMITED RESOURCES TO SUPPORT AFFORDABLE HOUSING, OR OTHER
23 SUPPORT FOR OUR HOMELESS RESIDENTS, MUST INVOLVE A DIALOGUE
24 BETWEEN L.A. COUNTY, STAFF AND ALSO BEING INVOLVED IN
25 OVERSEEING AND IMPLEMENTING SERVICE PROGRAMS AND REAL ESTATE

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1 PROJECT DELIVERY. SIMILARLY, COUNTY-OWNED FACILITIES AND
2 PUBLIC VENUES THROUGHOUT THE REGION MAY BE HOST OR IMPACTED BY
3 OLYMPIC FESTIVITIES. THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTAL STAKEHOLDERS MUST
4 ALSO CONSIDER WHAT THEY CAN DO TO RISE TO THE OPPORTUNITY AND
5 THE OCCASION TO PROMOTE ACCESS AND DIVERSITY IN THE LOCATION
6 OF THESE PARTICULAR OLYMPIC EVENTS. IN ORDER TO PLAY THAT
7 ROLE, THE COUNTY FAMILY MUST ASSEMBLE A FOCUSED TEAM TO
8 EFFECTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN THIS EMERGING CONVERSATION. SO I
9 THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE C.E.O. REPORT BACK IN 45 DAYS I WITH A
10 PLAN, DESIGNATE A PROPOSED TEAM OF STAFF INCLUDING
11 REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND
12 RELEVANT COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO
13 PUBLIC WORKS, REGIONAL PLANNING, PARKS AND REC, BEACHES AND
14 HARBORS AND INCLUDES A REVIEW OF THE 2024 LOS ANGELES OLYMPICS
15 BID AND PREPARE DESIGNATED STAFF TO ENTER INTO ONGOING
16 CONVERSATIONS WITH THE APPROPRIATE PARTIES WITH THE CITY OF
17 L.A. REGARDING THOSE ASPECTS OF THE CITY'S OLYMPIC PROPOSAL
18 THAT IMPACT COUNTY FACILITIES' OPERATIONS, SERVICE DELIVERY,
19 ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INTERESTS IN THE COUNTY.
20 THIS WOULD ALSO INCLUDE THE PROPOSED SITING OF AN OLYMPIC
21 VILLAGE AND ANY PLANS FOR OLYMPIC-RELATED REAL ESTATE
22 DEVELOPMENT TO ADDRESS THE COUNTY'S CRITICAL AFFORDABLE
23 HOUSING SHORTAGE AND HOMELESSNESS CRISIS OR SPUR COMMUNITY
24 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. UTILIZATION OF VENUES THROUGHOUT THE
25 COUNTY AS OCCASIONS FOR OLYMPIC ACTIVITIES WITH PARTICULAR

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1 ATTENTION TO ANY VENUES ON OR NEAR COUNTY PROPERTY OR
2 FACILITIES AND ANY EFFORT TO ENSURE THAT OLYMPIC EVENTS
3 POSITIVELY IMPACT THE FULL DIVERSITY OF COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT
4 THE REGION. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
5 TAKE THIS MEASURE BEFORE THEM TODAY, AND I'D LIKE TO PUT THAT
6 FORWARD. A SECOND? REPORT BACK ON FESTIVITIES FOR THE
7 OLYMPICS, SO THAT WE BE A PART OF THAT PROCESS. OKAY. WITHOUT
8 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. THANK YOU. YES, PUBLIC COMMENT?

9

10 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ON THE ITEM.

13

14 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I LIKE THIS PART ABOUT THE HOUSING NEEDS, THE
15 CRITICAL HOUSING NEEDS. MAYBE YOU COULD INCLUDE IN YOUR
16 DISCUSSION HOW WHEN BOSTON TURNED DOWN THE BID, PEOPLE HELD UP
17 SIGNS FOR-- THIS IS ON THE SIDE. THIS ISN'T PUBLIC COMMENT
18 COMMENT. YEAH. SO HOW BOSTON TURNED DOWN THIS ITEM, PEOPLE
19 WERE HOLDING UP SIGNS "WE WANT BETTER POLICE, BETTER
20 TRANSPORTATION" HOW DID L.A. CONQUER THOSE PROBLEMS? AND THIS
21 PART.

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YOU'RE ON THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD.

24

25 **ARNOLD SACHS:** ON THIS ITEM OR JUST TOTAL PUBLIC COMMENT?

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1

2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** PUBLIC COMMENT.

3

4 **ARNOLD SACHS:** NO ON THIS ITEM. YOU SAID YOU WOULD PUT THIS
5 ITEM ON THE AGENDA FOR TODAY. NO, I DIDN'T GET A CHANCE TO
6 SIGN UP BECAUSE I DIDN'T KNOW THIS WOULD BE AN ITEM ON THE
7 AGENDA.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SPEAK ON THE ITEM, THAT'S FINE. GO
10 AHEAD.

11

12 **ARNOLD SACHS:** NO. I'LL PUT A CARD IN.

13

14 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** IF I MAY, IT'S NOT AN ITEM ON OUR
15 AGENDA TODAY. IT WAS JUST READ IN. IT WILL BE READ IN AGAIN
16 THE NEXT TIME THE BOARD CONVENES, AND AT THAT POINT IT COULD
17 BE HELD AND YOU COULD COMMENT ON IT. BUT I'LL DEFER. IT'S A
18 REPORT BACK. OKAY.

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD AND SPEAK. GO AHEAD.

21

22 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU, AGAIN. SO SOME OF THE NEWSPAPER
23 STORIES REGARDING THIS OLYMPIC VILLAGE HAS STATED THAT THERE
24 ARE SEVERAL SITES AVAILABLE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE OLYMPIC
25 VILLAGE THAT'S GOING TO COST \$4 BILLION. SO WHY DON'T YOU LOOK

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1 AT SOME OF THOSE OTHER SITES AND ONE OF THE STORIES IS THAT
2 THE SITE THAT'S UNDER CONSIDERATION, THE OLD RAILROAD YARD, IS
3 BY THE L.A. RIVER. SO THERE'S TALK ABOUT REVITALIZATION OF THE
4 L.A. RIVER. SO YOU CAN JUST IMAGINE THAT THEY'RE GOING TO
5 REVITALIZE THE L.A. RIVER WITH LOW COST, AFFORDABLE HOUSING
6 RIGHT NEXT TO IT. I CAN JUST SEE IT HAPPENING NOW. WHAT PLANET
7 ARE YOU FROM? I MEAN, SERIOUSLY. HOW CAN YOU MAKE UP STUFF
8 LIKE THIS AND FLOAT IT? I MEAN, THAT'S A DIFFERENT RIVER. HOW
9 DO YOU GO HOME AND LOOK YOURSELF IN THE MIRROR AFTER YOU MAKE
10 UP STUFF LIKE THIS? SUPERVISOR, YOU GOT AFFORDABLE HOUSING

11

12 **SUP. KNABE:** STAY ON THE SUBJECT. DON'T BE ASKING, GETTING
13 PERSONAL. JUST DEAL WITH THE SUBJECT. IF YOU DON'T LIKE
14 AFFORDABLE HOUSING THEN SAY THAT. ENOUGH.

15

16 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I DON'T LIKE THE IDEA THAT YOU'RE SELLING THIS
17 KIND OF STUFF AS REALITY. THAT'S WHAT I DON'T LIKE.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE:** YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT'S REALITY. THAT'S THE PURPOSE
20 OF THE REPORT BACK.

21

22 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THAT'S NOT GOING TO HAPPEN.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE:** IT'S NOT FOR YOU TO JUDGE TODAY. WE'RE NOT ASKING
25 YOU TO GIVE THE REPORT.

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1

2 **ARNOLD SACHS:** 45 DAYS. WHEN DO THEY MAKE THE DECISION ON THE
3 OLYMPIC HOUSING. THIS IS SOMETHING YOU SHOULD HAVE DONE AGAIN
4 AS SOON AS THEY BROUGHT IT UP. YOU'VE HAD REPORTS. YOU'VE HAD
5 REPORTS BACK.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** MAKE THE DECISION FOR THE OLYMPICS IN 2017.

8

9 **ARNOLD SACHS:** REPORTS BACK OF SHORTAGES ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING,
10 HALF A MILLION. 500,000 UNITS SHORT. WHAT HAVE YOU DONE ON
11 THAT? ARE YOU GOING TO WAIT FOR A REPORT BACK ON AN OLYMPIC
12 VILLAGE. THAT MAKES SENSE. LOBBY LAND.

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** JOHN WALSH ON THE ITEM JUST READ IN
15 ON THE OLYMPICS.

16

17 **JOHN WALSH:** JOHN WALSH BLOGGING AT HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG OR
18 JWALSH CONFIDENTIAL TWEETING AT @HOLLYWOODDEMS. FIRST THING
19 YOU SAID, GARCETTI SAID \$1 BILLION. NOW WE'RE HEARING \$2
20 BILLION. WELL \$1 BILLION, OKAY. IT'S GOING TO BE BUILT. YOU'RE
21 NOT GOING TO GET THE OLYMPICS TO START WITH BECAUSE YOU TOLD
22 THE OLYMPIC COMMITTEE THAT L.A. WAS TERRORISM-PROOF COMPARED
23 TO PARIS. NOW YOU GOT A LOT OF EGG ON YOUR FACE BECAUSE THIS
24 IS TERRORISM CENTRAL. OKAY. \$1 TO \$2 BILLION. WE GET 1 BILLION
25 FROM I.O.C. AND THE OTHER \$5 BILLION HAS TO BE COLLECTED

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1 SOMEWHERE. OKAY. WHO OWNS THE YARDS? SOUTHERN PACIFIC. WHICH
2 MEANS A MULTIBILLIONAIRE. OKAY. WHAT HAPPENS TO THE YARDS WHEN
3 YOU BUILD HOUSING? THE YARDS HAVE TO GO SOMEWHERE. WE'RE NOT
4 GETTING RID OF THE TRAINS. SO, WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO DO
5 IS PRETTY MUCH LEVEL HIGHLAND PARK FOR THE OLYMPIC VILLAGE.
6 THAT'S WHAT'S HAPPENING. AND, BELIEVE ME, IF YOU-- THIS IS
7 ABSOLUTELY WHAT WOULD-- AND PEOPLE WILL BE-- WE HAD THE
8 OLYMPICS HERE BEFORE. DO YOU KNOW WHAT THE OLYMPIC VILLAGE
9 COST LAST TIME? ABOUT \$50 TO \$75,000. NOW IT'S \$2 BILLION.
10 AND, REMEMBER, WHO'S GOING TO MAKE THE MONEY ON IT? THE
11 BILLIONAIRES. YOU CAN TAKE BACK YOUR 15 SECONDS.

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MEMBERS, THIS HAS BEEN MOVED AND
14 SECONDED. SO ORDERED. NO OBJECTION. OKAY. WE'RE CALLING UP NOW
15 PUBLIC COMMENT. WE HAVE PAUL HERNANDEZ. JUVENCIO. YES,
16 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH? OKAY. SORRY. PAUL HERNANDEZ. JUVENCIO
17 SEGURA. JOSE MARTINEZ. BLANCA MEDINA. GOOD AFTERNOON.

18

19 **PAUL HERNANDEZ:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS PAUL HERNANDEZ. AND I'M
20 THE BOXING COACH OF EAST LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY YOUTH CENTER,
21 THE OLDEST YOUTH CENTER IN EAST LOS ANGELES. IT WAS FOUNDED IN
22 1923. AND I AM HERE SIMPLY TO GIVE A MESSAGE TO HILDA SOLIS.
23 THE KIDS FROM HILDA SOLIS ACADEMY, BELVEDERE HIGH SCHOOL,
24 TORRES HIGH SCHOOL IN YOUR DISTRICT WANT TO KNOW WHY EAST L.A.
25 C.Y.C., EAST LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY YOUTH CENTER, IS BEING

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1 CLOSED DOWN. THEY WANT TO KNOW WHY. AND THESE ARE STUDENTS.
2 STUDENTS THAT I WORK WITH. GANG MEMBERS, TAGGERS AND PEOPLE
3 THAT DON'T HAVE THE EDUCATION. THEY'RE AT-RISK CHILDREN. I
4 WORK WITH THEM. I'M A FORMER GANG MEMBER MYSELF OF THE '70S
5 AND I HAVE BEEN REHABILITATED. I HAVE DID AN INVENTORY OF MY
6 OWN LIFE AND NOW MY BEST ASSETS ARE MY PAST. AND THAT'S WHAT I
7 SHARE WITH THE KIDS IN EAST LOS ANGELES. MISS HILDA SOLIS, WE
8 NEED YOUR HELP TO INVESTIGATE THE CLOSING OF THE EAST LOS
9 ANGELES COMMUNITY CENTER. NO ONE KNOWS WHY IT'S CLOSING. NO
10 ONE KNOWS. WE'RE JUST ASKING FOR YOUR HELP. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE.

13

14 **BLANCA MEDINA:** HELLO. MY NAME IS BLANCA MEDINA AND I'M A
15 NEIGHBOR AND COMMUNITY MEMBER OF THE EAST LOS ANGELES CENTER.
16 I'M LOCATED AT DOZIER AND HUMPHRIES. AND I WOULD LIKE TO ONCE
17 AGAIN WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON IN OUR COMMUNITY.
18 THEY'RE NOT GIVING US ANSWERS. WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT'S
19 GOING TO HAPPEN TO OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. WE'RE UNDER THE
20 UNDERSTANDING THAT THEY'RE GOING TO-- THE PROPERTY HAS ALREADY
21 BEEN SOLD. AND THEY'RE GOING TO BE BUILDING A CHARTER SCHOOL.
22 THAT'S GOING TO MAKE A GREAT IMPACT IN OUR STREETS. AND WE'RE
23 NOT GETTING ANY ANSWERS OF WHAT'S GOING ON. WE NEED ANSWERS.
24 ANOTHER THING IS WE HAVE BEEN TRYING TO GET A HOLD OF THE
25 MEMBERS OF THE CENTER AND WE HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO DO THAT. THE

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1 ONLY PERSON THAT WE HEAR, THE ONLY NAME THAT WE HEAR OF IS
2 FRANK VILLALOBOS, AND HE'S NOT GIVING US ANY ANSWERS. I
3 UNDERSTAND THAT THE PACIFIC CHARTER DEVELOPMENT, IT'S GETTING
4 A HOLD OF THIS PROPERTY. WE WANT TO KNOW WHAT ARE THEIR PLANS?
5 HOW IS IT GOING TO AFFECT OUR STREETS? HOW IS IT GOING TO
6 AFFECT OUR COMMUNITY? HOW ARE THEY GOING TO HELP THEM? MS.
7 SOLIS, PLEASE HELP US FIND THESE ANSWERS. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE.

10

11 **JUVENCIO SEGURA:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS JUVENCIO SEGURA. AND
12 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, MS. SOLIS,
13 THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME THIS TIME TO BRING YOU UP-TO-DATE ON
14 THE LOSS OF WHAT WE CONSIDER A HISTORICAL LANDMARK IN EAST LOS
15 ANGELES. THE EAST LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY YOUTH CENTER, WHICH
16 HAS BEEN A BEACON OF INSPIRATION IN OUR COMMUNITY, IS CLOSING
17 ITS DOORS AFTER DECADES OF SERVICE TO OUR YOUTH. MY SON
18 CURRENTLY TRAINS IN THE BOXING PROGRAM THERE. AND AS A
19 COMMUNITY MEMBER, I'M SADDENED AND SHOCKED TO HEAR THAT THE
20 BOARD OF TRUSTEES THAT RUNS THAT FACILITY HAVE DECIDED TO SELL
21 THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CENTER BEHIND CLOSED DOORS WITHOUT
22 INFORMING ANY OF THE NEIGHBORS. PULLING THE CARPET FROM
23 UNDERNEATH THE COMMUNITY OF EAST LOS ANGELES BY CLOSING THE
24 CENTER IS ONE MORE EXAMPLE OF THE ECONOMIC DIVIDE THAT EXISTS
25 IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AND ALTHOUGH THE ACTING MEMBERS

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1 OF THE BOARD HAVE REFUSED TO OFFICIALLY COMMENT ON THE CLOSURE
2 OF THE CENTER AND THE SALE, ORDERS TO VACATE THE PROPERTY HAVE
3 BEEN ISSUED TO SEVERAL OF THE TENANTS OF THE CENTER BY THE
4 ACTING TREASURER, MR. FRANK VILLALOBOS. ACCORDING TO MR.
5 VILLALOBOS, WHO MANY SPECULATE IS ACTING ON HIS OWN, HAS
6 APPARENTLY REACHED AN AGREEMENT WITH PACIFIC CHARTER SCHOOL
7 DEVELOPMENT TO SELL THE PROPERTY AND OPEN A CHARTER SCHOOL
8 THERE. AND THE NEIGHBORHOOD IS OPPOSED. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I'D LIKE TO ADDRESS THE INDIVIDUALS
11 THAT CAME FORWARD TO SPEAK ON THIS PROJECT. FIRST, I WANT TO
12 CLARIFY THAT THAT IS NOT A COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTY.

13

14 **JUVENCIO SEGURA:** WE ARE AWARE OF THAT.

15

16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** AND THAT IT IS RUN, MY UNDERSTANDING,
17 BY THE EAST LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY YOUTH CENTER. SO THAT'S A
18 GROUP THAT OVERSEES THAT FACILITY.

19

20 **JUVENCIO SEGURA:** THAT'S CORRECT.

21

22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** AND I UNDERSTAND THAT THEY ARE-- THEY
23 HAVE AGREED TO TURN THE PROPERTY OVER TO THIS CHARTER SCHOOL.
24 AND TO THE EXTENT THAT THE COUNTY GETS INVOLVED, THEY'LL
25 PROBABLY BE SEEKING SOME KIND OF A PERMIT. SO IT SOUNDS TO ME

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1 LIKE THINGS HAVE ALREADY STARTED A WHILE AGO AND THE PLACE HAS
2 BEEN SHUTTERED I THINK FOR SOMETIME. IT'S UNFORTUNATE, BUT I
3 BELIEVE IT'S A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION. THE BOARD, IN PART, HAS
4 MEMBERS THAT SERVE THERE ON A VOLUNTEER BASIS. I DON'T HAVE
5 ENOUGH INFORMATION. BUT I KNOW YOU HAVE SPOKEN TO MY STAFF,
6 AND THEY'LL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH YOU, BUT AT THIS POINT, IT'S
7 A PRIVATE PROPERTY. THERE'S A TRANSACTION GOING ON RIGHT NOW.

8

9 **JUVENCIO SEGURA:** WE DO UNDERSTAND THAT; HOWEVER, THE COMMUNITY
10 HASN'T BEEN MADE AWARE OF A LOT OF THE CHANGES THAT ARE GOING
11 ON. WE'RE ONLY HERE AS REPRESENTING THE FEW, WELL NOT THE FEW
12 MEMBERS, BUT THE COMMUNITY THAT USUALLY NEEDS A VOICE.

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I'M SURE ONCE THE PROCESS BEGINS,
15 THERE WILL BE PERHAPS AN AVAILABILITY TO HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT
16 AND SOME TYPE OF A FORUM THERE SO THAT THEY CAN TALK ABOUT THE
17 PACIFIC CHARTER DEVELOPMENT TO THE PUBLIC AND ALSO WHAT THAT
18 MEANS AND ALSO WHAT THE INVOLVEMENT, IF ANY, WITH THE COUNTY
19 WOULD BE. BUT WE DON'T OWN THE PROPERTY. IT'S NOT A COUNTY
20 FACILITY. SO I HAVE TO BE VERY CLEAR WITH YOU ON THAT. SO
21 THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR COMING. SORRY YOU HAD TO WAIT SO LONG.

22

23 **JUVENCIO SEGURA:** WE APPRECIATE YOU. THANKS.

24

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OSCAR MOHAMMED. WE HAVE JOHN WALSH.
2 BRUCE WHEATLEY AND SHELIAH WARD. AND ARNOLD SACHS AND ERIC
3 PREVEN.

4
5 **OSCAR MOHAMMED:** MY NAME IS OSCAR MOHAMMED. I SPEAK FOR THE
6 OPPRESSED, I SPEAK FOR THE STRUGGLING POOR AND I SPEAK FOR
7 CULTURE CHANGE. I'D LIKE TO SPEAK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE
8 RELIGION OF EL ISLAM AND THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY. FOR
9 SOME TYPE OF WAY WE SHOULD HAVE BLACK AUTHORITY OVER BLACK
10 PEOPLE. WE SHOULD LIVE BY THE CONSTITUTION THAT GOVERNED US.
11 OUR CONSTITUTION TELL US ONE RACE SHOULD NOT HAVE AUTHORITY
12 OVER THE OTHER RACE. IT SEEMS AS THOUGH WE GOT EUROPEAN AND
13 JUDEO GOVERNMENT HAVE AUTHORITY OVER BLACK PEOPLE, AUTHORITY
14 OVER AMERICA, THOUGH. WE SHOULD HAVE AMERICA GOVERNMENT IN
15 AMERICA, THOUGH. BUT ANYWAY WE SHOULD HAVE THE PROPER BLACK
16 AUTHORITY OVER BLACK PEOPLE. BUT WE FIND OUT TODAY THAT
17 DESTRUCTIVE CAPITALISM POINT TO THE ERROR OF BLACK AMERICA IN
18 THE SOUTH-- IN THE NORTH, WORKED ANY RACE IN AMERICA. ALL THE
19 DIRTY MUSIC. ALL THE DIRTY MOVIES HAVE STRIPPED US BLACK
20 PEOPLE OF OUR CONSCIENCE. AND DISRUPTIVE CAPITALISM IS SO
21 DANGEROUS IT CHANGE EVERYTHING FROM THE ORIGIN. IT TAKES OUR
22 MINDS TO THE DEPTHS OF THE DEEPS AND CHANGES EVERYTHING AND
23 PUTS IT IN ITS OWN DISCOURSE. WE SHOULD HAVE MORE
24 RESPONSIBILITY AMONG OURSELVES. WE SHOULD SAFEGUARD OUR
25 AIRWAYS BETTER THAN WE DO IN THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY.

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1 BUT THANK GOD THAT THE SOUTHERN STATES HAVE BEEN IN THE
2 MIDWEST STATES AND THEY HAVE BEEN SAFEGUARDED FAR BETTER THAN
3 THE NORTHERN STATES. BUT I GUESS IN THE NORTHERN STATES, THE
4 NORTHERN STATES IS MORE PEOPLE, THE MORE MONEY. THERE'S NO
5 BOUNDARIES OF THE FILTH IN THE IMMORALITY THEY PUT ON PUBLIC
6 T.V. TODAY. AND WE CAN'T SEE ANYTHING ABOUT SATAN BEING THE
7 PRINCE OF THE AIR. EVERYTHING TO US TODAY IN THESE LAST DAYS.
8 BUT DIVIDED WE STAND, TOGETHER WE FALL. WE FIND TOO MUCH
9 DIVISION IS GOING ON IN AMERICA TODAY. TOO MUCH DISRESPECT.
10 AND I WAS LOOKING AT THE GUN VIOLENCE TODAY AND GUN CONTROL.
11 AND I LOOKED AT U.S.A. NEWSPAPER COUPLE DAYS AGO, THE SURVEY
12 SAID 73 PERCENT OF THE HOUSES IN THE RURAL AREAS DO NOT HAVE A
13 FIREARM IN THEIR HOME. BUT EVERYTHING COME TO THE PUBLIC IS A
14 BIG MONEY GAME FOR GOVERNMENT AND A BIG LIE.

15

16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER.

17

18 **JOHN WALSH:** JOHN WALSH BLOGGING AT HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG. I
19 WANT TO THANK SHEILA KUEHL. I ASKED HER TO LEAVE WHILE I WAS
20 SPEAKING BECAUSE I DIDN'T WANT TO BE INSULTED, AND SHE LEFT.
21 OKAY. LET'S START. TODAY'S ONE OF THE MOST BIZARRE DAYS OF MY
22 LIFE. FIRST OF ALL, TERRORISM, THEY'RE WATCHING US RIGHT NOW.
23 THE TERRORISTS FROM SYRIA, THE WHOLE WORLD. SOUTHERN
24 CALIFORNIA IS THE NUMBER 1 TARGET. THEY THREATENED THE SCHOOL
25 SYSTEM IN NEW YORK. THEY THREATENED THE SCHOOL SYSTEM HERE.

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1 BRATTON LAUGHED AND SAID IT WAS A HOAX. BECK THREW A MILLION
2 STUDENTS OUT OF CLASSROOM. AND GUESS WHAT? IT TURNED OUT TO BE
3 A DAMN HOAX AND NOW WHAT ELSE? THE SUBWAY, FIVE OF YOU ARE ON
4 THE SUBWAY, M.T.A. I HAVE SAID IT'S THE NUMBER 1 TARGET OF
5 TERRORISTS. AND TODAY IT WAS SMOKE BOMBED. READ THE L.A.
6 TIMES. YOU GOT ALL SORTS OF PEOPLE LIVING THERE. SELLING DRUGS
7 THERE. IT'S OUT OF CONTROL. AND ALSO WELL, WHITE PEOPLE DON'T
8 TAKE IT. IT'S ABOUT 80, 90 PERCENT HISPANIC AND BLACK. AND I
9 WANT TO TELL YOU RIGHT NOW THAT I WANT TO SPEAK TO THE
10 TERRORISTS. THIS CITY IS THE ONLY CITY IN THE WORLD THAT HAS--
11 THIS COUNTY WELCOMED SYRIAN, MAYBE 1 OR 2 PERCENT OF THE
12 100,000 ARE TERRORISTS. BUT IF THEY CAN DO THAT MUCH DAMAGE
13 FROM GERMANY, HOW MUCH DAMAGE CAN THEY DO HERE? YOU TRIED TO
14 THROW ME OUT OF THE MEETING. I'M A JEW. YOU COULD HAVE HAD
15 THESE COPS OVER HERE BEAT THE [EXPLITIVE] OUT OF ME. BUT YOU
16 WON'T MAKE ME DENY BEING A REAL JEW. AND MR. KNABE, YOU ARE
17 THE NUMBER ONE SCUMBAG ANTI-SEMITES. NOW, IS THAT WORD, ARE YOU
18 GOING TO TELL ME? DID I DISRUPT THE MEETING? NO. I DIDN'T
19 DISRUPT THE MEETING. HE DISRUPTED THE MEETING.

20

21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME IS UP.

22

23 **JOHN WALSH:** BYE BYE BUDDY, SCUMBAG.

24

25 **SPEAKER:** NAME CALLING.

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1

2 **BRUCE WHEATLEY:** AFTERNOON MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.

3 MY NAME IS BRUCE WHEATLEY WITH INNER CITY INDUSTRY. I JUST

4 WANTED TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE A LITTLE BIT OF

5 INSIGHT IN HOW THE HEALTH AGENCY MIGHT BE EFFECTIVE AT

6 MEASURING WHETHER IT WILL ACHIEVE ITS AIM TO REDUCE DISPARITY.

7 RESEARCH SUGGESTS THAT LARGE-SCALE TRANSFORMATIONAL CHANGE

8 REQUIRES FOCUS ON A SINGLE POPULATION. THE DEPARTMENT OF

9 MENTAL HEALTH CURRENTLY HAS SITTING SOMEWHERE ON ITS DESK A

10 PROPOSAL FROM OUR AFRICAN, AFRICAN-AMERICAN UNDERREPRESENTED

11 ETHNIC POPULATION COMMITTEE THAT WOULD ASSESS THE ATTITUDES

12 AND BELIEF OF BLACK MALE AND HOW BEST TO ACCESS AND BENEFIT

13 FROM INTEGRATED SERVICES. THIS PROPOSAL HAS BEEN ON THEIR DESK

14 FOR ABOUT 14, 15 MONTHS. AND GIVEN THE URGENCY AROUND REDUCING

15 DISPARITY, I WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOUR STAFF ENQUIRE ABOUT WHY

16 THIS PROCESS IS NOT CONTINUING TO GO FORTH, PARTICULARLY WHEN

17 ALL THE OTHER U.R.E.P. PROJECTS HAVE. AND I CAN TELL YOU RIGHT

18 OFF THE TOP, THE FIRST CAUSE WAS AROUND US POTENTIALLY USING

19 THE PROMOTORAS MODEL. WHERE YOU TALK ABOUT UTILIZING, BUILDING

20 A CULTURALLY PROFICIENT SYSTEM OF CARE THERE'S RESEARCH THAT

21 CONTRIBUTES TO THE FACT THAT IF YOU ENFORCE A ONE-SIZE-FITS-

22 ALL MODEL, SUGGESTS CULTURAL DESTRUCTION. SO I'M HOPEFUL THAT

23 BLACK MEN CAN BE SERVED WHO ARE NOT INCARCERATED OR WHO ARE

24 NOT HOMELESS AT THIS PARTICULAR TIME. GIVEN THAT WE'RE IN THE

25 DAY AND AGE WHERE ACCOUNTABILITY IS PARAMOUNT TRANSFORMATION

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1 IS TAKING PLACE LOCALLY IN OUR COUNTY, AS WELL AS IN OUR
2 COUNTRY, I WOULD REALLY RATHER NOT HAVE BLACK FOLK,
3 PARTICULARLY BLACK MEN, BE LEFT BEHIND AT THIS PARTICULAR
4 TIME. SO I'M HOPEFUL, AGAIN, THAT YOU ALL WILL INVESTIGATE AS
5 TO WHY THIS PROPOSAL IS NOT GOING FORTH. THANK YOU. HAPPY
6 HOLIDAYS.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE.

9

10 **SHELIAH WARD:** GREETINGS IN THE SPIRIT OF THE MOST HIGH. I WANT
11 TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR OUR KWANZAA, KAWAIDA AND
12 KWANZAA PARADE, UMOJA, UNITY, KUJICHGULIA, SELF DETERMINATION,
13 UJIMA, COLLECTIVE WORK AND RESPONSIBILITY. UJAMAA, COOPERATIVE
14 ECONOMICS. NIA, PURPOSE. KUUMBA, CREATIVITY AND IMANI, FAITH.
15 350 YEARS AGO IN MY COUNTRY WE ONLY CELEBRATE FAT TUESDAY IN
16 NEW ORLEANS EVERY YEAR BECAUSE IT IS THE ONLY DAY GIVEN TO US
17 BY WHITE AMERICANS TO DO OUR CULTURE AS ICON INDIANS. TODAY WE
18 CELEBRATE IN THE PLACE CALLED LEIMERT PARK WE CALL CONGO
19 SQUARE AT CRENSHAW AND VERNON. THIS AREA IS THE FIRST PLACE IN
20 OVER 10,000 YEARS BROUGHT TO ME BY FOREIGNERS THAT THE BLACK
21 MAN IS ABLE TO PRODUCE HIS OWN CULTURE AND PROTECT HIS OWN
22 PEOPLE IN ONE AREA. THERE'S CHINATOWN ALL OVER AMERICA, OLVERA
23 STREET FOR SPANISH ALL OVER AMERICA. THERE IS FOR EVERY GROUP
24 OF PEOPLE THAT COME TO THIS LAND SINCE 350 YEARS AGO, THEY
25 HAVE A PLACE WHERE THEY CAN COME AND PRACTICE THEIR CULTURE.

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1 WE HAVE ONE PLACE IN THE WHOLE WORLD, AND I PRAY TO GOD THAT
2 YOU DON'T DESTROY IT. YOU OFFERED SYRIANS TO COME HERE AND
3 EVERY PEOPLE COME HERE, THEY GET \$2,200 A MONTH IN THE STATE
4 OF CALIFORNIA, \$500 FOOD STAMPS AND ALL THE GOOD MEDICINE THAT
5 YOU TOOK AWAY FROM MY PEOPLE. AND NOW TODAY YOU WANT TO TALK
6 ABOUT WHAT SOMEBODY IS DOING IN ANOTHER LAND? WHEN THE FIRST
7 WHITE MAN CAME TO MY LAND, THEY MURDERED YELLOW POCAHONTAS;
8 THEY TIED HER UP, MURDERED THE WHOLE VILLAGE CHILDREN AND
9 WOMEN. TOOK HER TO A SHIP, RAPED HER AND IN YOUR BOOKS TODAY,
10 YOU SAY SHE DECIDED. NO BLACK GIRL IN THIS COUNTRY 400 YEARS
11 AGO WOULD GO AWAY WITH A MAN THAT CAME OUT OF THE DUNGEONS OF
12 EUROPE ON PURPOSE. SO STOP LYING IN OUR BOOKS ABOUT WHAT
13 HAPPENED WITH OUR CULTURE. I'M A BLACK ICON INDIAN FROM THIS
14 COUNTRY SEMINOLE INDIAN AND I PRAY THAT YOU STOP BRINGING
15 PEOPLE TO THIS COUNTRY, GIVING THEM MORE MONEY AND SITUATIONS
16 THAN YOU GIVE US.

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18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT WITNESS.

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20 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS. I
21 READ THE STORY ABOUT 10 DAYS AGO, LITTLE LONGER ACTUALLY, IT'S
22 FROM "THE WALL STREET JOURNAL." SPORTS STORY ABOUT THE DOCTOR
23 THE N.F.L. TRIED TO SILENCE. IT'S ACTUALLY AN ARTICLE ABOUT
24 THE DOCTOR WHO DID AN AUTOPSY ON PROFESSIONAL PLAYER MIKE
25 WEBSTER, WHO WAS A PLAYER FOR THE STEELERS, AND THE EFFECTS

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1 THAT HE WENT THROUGH FROM MULTIPLE CONCUSSIONS. AND I BRING IT
2 UP BECAUSE I'M THINKING THE SAME N.F.L., YOU WANT TO BRING A
3 TEAM TO L.A., THE SAME N.F.L. DIDN'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT RAY
4 RICE PUNCHING OUT HIS GIRLFRIEND IN THE ELEVATOR. BUT THEY
5 TRIED TO SILENCE THIS DOCTOR REGARDING CONCUSSION. SO BECAUSE-
6 - HERE COMES ANOTHER STORY FROM SUNDAY, THIS IS AN EDITORIAL,
7 SEPTEMBER 28TH, ABOUT TARGETING PERCEPTION. STORY ABOUT SOME
8 SHERIFFS WHO WENT TO JAIL. BUT THE TOPIC OF TARGETING
9 PERCEPTION. IT'S WHAT YOU GET. IT'S WHAT YOU SEE. I MEAN,
10 PRETTY-- ANOTHER PRETTY INTERESTING MEETING, STUFF THAT WAS
11 GLOSSED OVER, THE SHERIFF'S REMARK ABOUT 20 YEARS OF POLICY.
12 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH DISCUSSING THE GAS LEAK, ABOUT HOW THE
13 GAS COMPANY PUT THE STORAGE UNIT IN AFTER THE HOUSING PROJECT
14 WAS ALREADY APPROVED. JUST GLOSSED OVER. AND THIS AMENDMENT
15 REGARDING HOMELESSNESS FOR THE OLYMPIC VILLAGE, JUST KIND OF
16 GLOSSED OVER. YOU NEED TO DO A BETTER JOB IF YOU'RE IN THE
17 PUBLIC ABOUT STOP GLOSSING OVER WHAT THE POLITICIANS WANT YOU
18 TO HEAR. PAY ATTENTION. READ AN AGENDA. HAVE A HOPPY NEW YEAR.

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20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** BEFORE I HAVE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE
21 READ US INTO CLOSED SESSION, I WANT TO WISH EVERYONE HAPPY
22 HOLIDAYS. HAPPY HANUKKAH. HAPPY KWANZAA, FELIZ NAVIDAD TO
23 EVERYONE. OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE IN 2016 ON JANUARY THE 5TH.
24 AND AT THAT TIME, NOW WE WILL ASK THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO

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1 READ US INTO CLOSED SESSION. AND MERRY CHRISTMAS, YES. IT'S
2 WRITTEN ALL OVER OUR FACES, WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

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4 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH
5 BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD
6 OF SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM
7 C.S.-1, PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT, CONSIDERATION OF CANDIDATE FOR
8 EMPLOYMENT TO THE POSITION OF COUNTY LIBRARIAN; ITEM NO. C.S.-
9 2, DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS; ITEM NO. C.S.-3,
10 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR SACHI A. HAMAI AND DESIGNATED
11 STAFF AND ITEM NO. C.S.-4, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL
12 REGARDING SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION AS INDICATED ON
13 THE POSTED AND SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDAS. THANK YOU.

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1 **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION DECEMBER 15, 2015**

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5 CS-1. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT (Government Code Section 54957)

6 Consideration of candidate for appointment to the position of

7 County Librarian. (15-2346)

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9 The Board selected a final candidate for the position of

10 County Librarian. The vote of the Board was unanimous with all

11 Supervisors being present.

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13 CS-2. DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS (Government Code

14 Section 54957) Department head performance evaluations (11-

15 1977)

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17 The Board accepted the resignation of Chief Probation Officer

18 Jerry Powers effective January 4, 2016. The vote of the Board

19 was unanimous with all Supervisors being present.

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21 No reportable action was taken on items CS-3 or CS-4.

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1 I, JENNIFER A. HINES, Certified Shorthand Reporter Number
2 6029/RPR/CRR qualified in and for the State of California, do
3 hereby certify:

4 That the transcripts of proceedings recorded by the Los
5 Angeles County Board of Supervisors December 15, 2015,
6 were thereafter transcribed into typewriting under my
7 direction and supervision;

8 That the transcript of recorded proceedings as archived
9 in the office of the reporter and which have been provided to
10 the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors as certified by
11 me.

12 I further certify that I am neither counsel for, nor
13 related to any party to the said action; nor
14 in anywise interested in the outcome thereof.

15 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this
16 18th day of December 2015, for the County records to be used
17 only for authentication purposes of duly certified transcripts
18 as on file of the office of the reporter.

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